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## Days of Remembrance — A Voice from the Holocaust

**Marc McCormick**  
*El Morro*

Each year, the Department of Defense, the Army, the nation and the world reflects upon the genocidal policies that led to the Holocaust of World War II.

An official state policy of Nazi Germany became an instrument of evil using the mechanism of human elimination to achieve a goal of a mythical pure blood line. It began with the innocuous idea of eugenics, affecting the terminally ill and those born with gross physical defects or

mental retardation. It eventually metastasized into a deliberate killing of categorical people merely because of their race. It was an evil and abomination wrapped inside the darkness of war.

The Holocaust refers to the systematic, state-sponsored annihilation of ten million human beings with six million being Jews. Hundreds of thousands of Gypsies, millions of Slavs, physically and mentally handicapped, religious and political dissidents were deemed "unworthy of life." The Holocaust was separate from military campaigns. The implementation of extermination and genocide frequently took precedence

over the German war effort. Priority was given to requests for trains to deport Jews and other undesirables to concentration camps over requests for transport of materiel to military fronts.

This year's guest speaker for the Fort Buchanan event was Martin Weiss.

Weiss was born in Polana, Czechoslovakia Jan. 28, 1929. He was one of nine children born to orthodox Jewish parents. In March 1939, his life changed dramatically when the Nazis dismembered Czechoslovakia. Hungarian troops occupied Polana. Jews suffered under discriminatory laws until they were rounded up and placed in forced labor. The Weiss family was dispersed throughout the European theater. Many of his relatives died in the labor camps and stalags. Weiss labored in several camps under brutal conditions. He was freed in 1945 by American troops. He returned to Czechoslovakia where he found some surviving family members. In 1946, he immigrated to the United States.

The scope of the genocide devolved to the personal as Weiss testified to his experiences.

"The point is, they didn't leave anybody behind. If somebody was left behind, in one particular case I know a family that was hiding in the forest, they found them. Somebody reported them and they took all of them into in a stable and shot all of them. This was done by Hungarians not even the Germans, and the Hungarians finally arrested us.

"A lot of times they ask the question-- Why did they do that? Were they forced? The answer is no. Hitler asked countries to hand over the Jews and most countries not only gave them but obliged."

After years of personal healing and reflections, the survivors of the man made hell still question the capacity to do evil.

"How can we have a civilized society if we don't act civil? And, when it comes to practicing hate it is very easy to look at a person and find something wrong with them. When prejudice is part of your life you not only are destroying that person; you're destroying yourself as well.

"Of six million Jews, 1 1/2 million of them were children. Just think how many of them could have been scientists, doctors or just productive citizens. Humanity lost a lot of treasure. And not to forget other nationalities and races all because of prejudice and hate. Every person is responsible for improving the world. Even today we see prejudice and hate thriving in many societies... with just one purpose on their minds—to maim and kill. Therefore, if we have the right to call ourselves civilized we must dedicate ourselves and teach tolerance so our children will not experience the same things in the future." Weiss said.

Weiss was welcomed to Puerto Rico by Senator Juan Garriga Pico. Pico said, "In the name of Puerto Rico for those who are visiting us, in the name of the Senate of Puerto Rico I give you a warm welcome to our island. It is a very special occasion to be able to be here and remember things that have happened in the past so that we can prevent the same things happening again. Everyone of us have had to deal with, at sometime of the other, with our share of intolerance, with our share of prejudice, with our share of discrimination. And, it is fair that we that we respect Weiss' thesis where these crimes are a massive violation of a

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**Martin Weiss accepts a plaque in appreciation for sharing his life story of experiences during the Holocaust. As one of the few survivors of the Holocaust, Weiss spends his time teaching lessons in tolerance and preventing prejudice.**

## Interns assist at Buchanan Installation Legal Office

**Internship Program administered by Civilian Personnel Office matches workers with directorate mentors.**

**Marc McCormick**  
*El Morro*

One of the many duties Fabiana Nevado has working in the Buchanan Civilian Personnel Office is the Internship Program.

Assessing the needs of requesting directorates on post, Nevado matches interested college students seeking a chance to gain real world experience for college credit.

"This is a program that is really being marketed through the paper (El Morro), by word of mouth and by visits to the local universities," Nevado said. "I have concentrated more in students who can get the mission done and help management.

"These two, Stephen and Elizabeth, came after me. They wanted to complete the practicum. That's part of the process.

You have to be interested and it's a school requirement," she said.

The two students currently in the program are 29-year old Elizabeth Badillo from Catano and 23-year old Stephen Thompson from Huffman, Texas.

Badillo went to work at the legal office in February and Thompson started in January.

The reasons are as varied as the students' academic pursuits. "I wasn't focused on any specific area," Thompson said. "This was where I was most needed. I didn't specialize in any particular job."

Nevado tries to match students as closely as possible to their academic studies but it isn't always possible of desirable. In Badillo's case, however, it fit perfectly.

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Photos by Vicente Velez

## Volunteer spirit...

**Fort Buchanan volunteers were recognized for their contributions to improving the quality of life on the garrison. Pictured above are - Karen Lecha (right), Reynaldo Farinas (upper left) accepted for David Avellanet and special honorees Col. and Mrs. Stephen M. Ackman. More photos can be found on Pages 10 & 11.**



# FROM THE COMMANDER:



May: Remembering our nation's Soldiers and members of the Armed Forces.

The month of May marks the last full month I will be with you. But the remembrances and good-byes are for next month.

May is a month marking two important events for us in uniform. First is Armed Forces Day. We will celebrate Armed Forces Day at Fort Buchanan with the traditional morning run starting from Pee Wee Field in the morning. I urge you all to participate. It is so great to see large formations running the streets of Buchanan at one time. Secondly at the end of the month we remember Memorial Day. This day is not exclusive to our current operations, but its meaning comes home to a new generation. Founded by those seeking to remember the devastating losses of the Civil War our nation pauses to remember all who have died in conflict on behalf of this nation's stated precepts. John Adams, while a firebrand on independence, was not a great advocate of the use of violence to achieve national ends. But as president he noted, "I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and

philosophy." Our current generation has become linked to past generations in a greater appreciation for Memorial Day. Take some extra time to remember, and to say a prayer for those deployed.

Two facilities at Buchanan have been closed recently, the Waterspout and the Bowling Alley.

We are spending money and working to make these facilities better for your use with overdue and needed repairs and renovations.

The last week of April, if you were on Fort Buchanan, you may have noticed some gate changes April 27, 28 and 29.

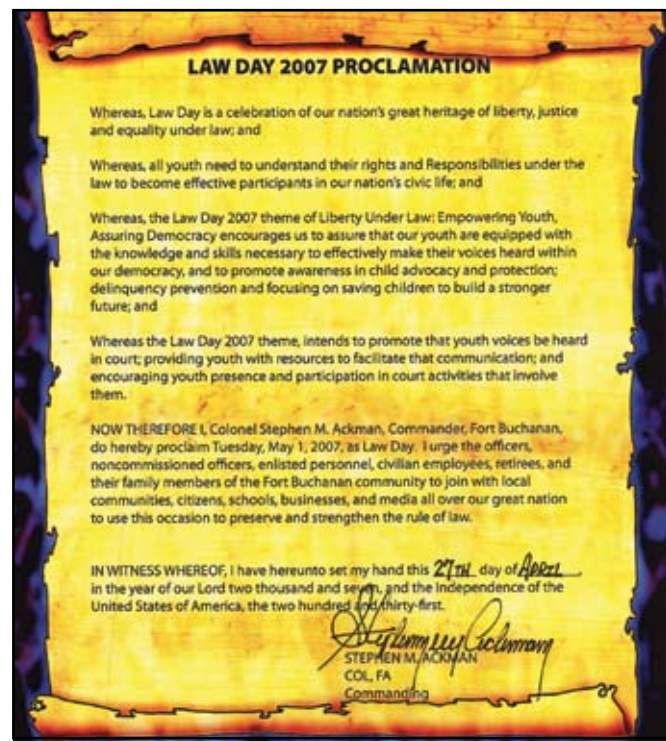
This was a test of means and methods to ensure safety and security without the burden of long lines waiting for temporary passes.

So if you did not like the test don't get overly excited. If you were pleased don't get overly excited. We have decided nothing yet. However, it is important to remember access to Fort Buchanan is still more convenient than access to most Army instal-

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lations in the continental U.S. If you are authorized access to Buchanan and don't like standing in line for a temporary pass you can get a sticker.

Lastly, I hope all the mothers associated with Fort Buchanan had an enjoyable, safe and happy Mother's Day.



**In-coming Command Sergeant Major Marcial O. Felix, left, and out-going CSM Luis A. Hermina face Brig. Gen. David S. Elmo, commanding general, 65th Regional Readiness Command, at the change of responsibility ceremony on Apr 21.**

**CSM Luis A. Hermina, out-going Command Sergeant Major, accepts an American flag and salute.**

Photos by Vicente Velez



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# Puerto Rican AF ROTC student flies high

**Marc McCormick**  
El Morro

Fort Buchanan provides support services for federal and Department of Defense agencies throughout Puerto Rico. People come from such far away places as Mayaguez for support.

One of the most common level of support services Buchanan offers is through the Visual Information Branch of DOIM.

VI provides photographic support for all authorized users in Puerto, and, as the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Let me introduce you to Jonathan A. Fernandez.

Capt. (USAF) Andy Konhaeuser, Assistant Professor, Aeronautical Science and Commandant of Cadets at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez said, "There is going to be a joint commissioning ceremony at the White House for 52 cadets, from 16 states

and Puerto Rico, from the Navy and the Air Force (ROTC programs) to be commissioned by the president of the United States on May 17."

23 year old Jonathan Fernandez, a native of Lajas, Puerto Rico, is one of those ROTC students who will be commissioned by the president.

"He is an excellent student. He is going to be our distinguished graduate and he is a pilot candidate and will be going to pilot school. To be a distinguished graduate he had to be in the top 1% of our ROTC class. Currently, we have about 40 students. He has been with us for five years," Konhaeuser said.

Fernandez was selected over another ROTC cadet from Rio Piedras ROTC Detachment 755.

He will graduate from the University of Puerto Rico with a degree in philosophy.

"I was always interested in different ways of thought and different historical aspects of philosophy and human thought," Fernandez said.

When asked how he would apply his philosophical studies in the Air Force he said, "I believe I can apply that in my future career in dealing with people."

The Fernandez family has a military history.

"My father was previously in the Air Force and I always liked the service and I had always been interested in aviation so it was a natural choice for me."

Aviation is not new to Fernandez. He already has a few flight hours

When he became aware of the opportunity to go to Washington, he was excited.

"Capt. Konhaeuser informed me that a memo had been sent to the detachment soliciting graduates from the different universities and Col. (USAF) Ivan Corretjer, commander, Detachment 756 Air Force Reserve Officer Corps, approved.

"He put forth my name as a gradu-

ate from the university this year."

Following the swearing in ceremony, Fernandez's adventure begins.

"I will remain on reserve until October 5, which is my entrance into active duty. I will report to Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, which is my pilot training school.

"Following training on fixed wing T-6 aircraft, I will probably transition to the P-38 advanced jet trainer," he said.

Air Force ROTC has been a life changing transformation for him.

"It's been a learning experience. I've discovered myself a lot—who I am as a student at the university and who I want to be as a future officer."

Compared to his first year, Fernandez said, "I am a lot more dedicated and driven to what I want and not just what people give me. I think I strive to excel and be better at what I do and make sure the people around me also try to excel. I see myself more as a mentor than I used to."

Generally speaking, this has been a life long dream.

"Pretty much since I was a kid I wanted to be in the armed forces."

Currently, Fernandez has a relative serving in Iraq.

"One of my cousins is a captain in the Army deployed to Iraq. She's in the Airborne. She was an instructor at Airborne training. She taught people how to parachute," he said.

Reflecting on his experiences in the Air Force ROTC program, Fernandez made this observation — "I would definitely recommend it. It teaches you how to manage your time. It gives you the tools to become more qualified as a student and to figure out how to plan a day so you can everything you want to do as well as do everything you have to do."

The Air Force ROTC program appeals to all types of students.

"There's a variety of majors. We have engineering students, liberal arts

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Joe Bonet

**Air Force Capt. Andy Konhaeuser congratulates Cadet Jonathan A. Fernandez on his selection to be sworn into active duty by President George Bush in a ceremony at the White House May 12.**

Fort Buchanan

## Army Career & Alumni Program

# ACAP TAP Workshop

**21, 22, 23 & 24 MAY 2007**

**18, 19, 20, 21 JUNE 2007**

0730-1600 at the Fort Buchanan  
Training Center Classroom, Bldg. 511  
*The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) seminars provide information that facilitates moving from the military to the civilian world.*

If you are within two years of retirement or one year to ETS, contact Mr. Griffin at the ACAP Office to reserve your seats:

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**For further assistance, contact your nearest Army Recruiter of call (787) 781-6100/7042.**

## Post Talk

### Defense Travel...

Effective immediately, all personnel on official travel must provide a copy of the travel orders/authorization to the Commercial Travel Office when using the Individual Bill Account Government Travel Card to pay for airline tickets. If not provided prior to final ticketing, CTO will not issue travel tickets.

For more information and requirements, call 273-6140.

### Kid Run...

There will be an America's Kids Run for boys and girls ages 4 to 18 May 16 beginning at 4 p.m. at Pee Wee Field.

Come join in the run, jog or walk at your own pace.

Register at CYS, Bldg. 1020, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from now until May 15.

For more information, call 707-3787/3932.

### Bowling Center...

The Bowling Center will be closed for renovations until June 14.

Renovations will include installing new pin setters and a Cosmic Bowling & Scoring System.

The center will reopen June 15.

For more information, call 707-3272

### Training course...

Use an easy assessment to pinpoint anyone's personality type and develop strategies for what to do about situations you cannot change.

The course, How to Become a Great Communicator, is being offered through the Buchanan Training Office Sept. 5 in Bldg. 511.

This no tuition course lasts for 8 hours and registration is via CHRTAS.

For more information, contact Jaime Morales at 707-3412.

### Job Fair...

The ACS Employment Readiness Program will host a Job Fair on May 9 for spouses and family members at the Puerto Rico Convention Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members in the job hunt should be at the Army Community Service Building, Bldg. 1019, Buchanan Heights, at 9 a.m.

You can make reservations by calling 707-3365 or by e-mail to [ivette.davilla@us.army.mil](mailto:ivette.davilla@us.army.mil)

### Spring concert...

Antilles Middle School will be presenting its annual Spring Concert May 9 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The performance will feature the AMS Intermediate Band and the AMS Beginning Band, in its debut this year.

There will be a variety of music. Admission is free and refreshments will be sold.

The entire community is invited to attend.

## Buchanan Transistions



**Cecille Washington**

**Cecille will be accompanying her husband to a new assignment.**



**Jim Adamski**

**I will depart May 12 for the "Land of the Morning Calm" — South Korea. I will be assigned to USAG Humphreys, Pyongtaek.**

**Nilda Lopez**

**Accepted a promotion at the Veteran Administration Caribbean Healthcare System.**



# Your house — Not too hot, not too cold

**Luz A. Muriel-Diaz**  
Ft. Buchanan DPW

The bad news is that half of your household energy cost goes towards just two things: cooling and water heating.

The good news is that it means that you have lots of room for improvement and even small changes can make dramatic improvements in household energy efficiency.

Older heating and cooling systems are a third less efficient than the new Energy Star® system. The following steps will save you at least 10 percent a year in your electrical bill.

- Conduct maintenance to your water heating system.
- Clean vents, close unused vents, and

change filters in the vents of your cooling system.

- Buy a programmable thermostat, which can regulate different temperatures at different times of the day. And if you have one, use it! Currently, three quarters of those who have programmable thermostats do not use them at all.

- Select energy-efficient equipment when you buy new heating and cooling equipment. Your supplier should be able to give you energy fact sheets for different types, models, and designs to help you compare energy usage.

- Look for high Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency ratings and the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio. The national minimums are 78% AFUE and 10 SEER. Look for the Energy Star® labels. Energy Star® is

a program of the U.S. Department of Energy and the US Environmental Protection Agency designed to help consumers identify energy efficient appliances and products.

As part of the Fort Buchanan Environmental Management System Awareness Program, every month, the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division will present a series of environmental information, videos and fact sheets through the Fort Buchanan intranet and by global email.

If you are interested in environmental information or have any questions regarding this topic, do not hesitate to contact the Fort Buchanan Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 707-3508. Suggestions and ICE comments are always welcome!



# Public Service Recognition Week — tribute to civil service workers

*El Morro Staff*

Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. Throughout the nation and around the world, public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services make life better for all of us.

Public employees across the U.S. and abroad take part in PSRW activities. Festivals, open houses, parades, community clean-up days, and fund-raising events to benefit charity are just some of the ways that public employees around the country reach out to their communities. There is also the annual celebration on the National Mall in Washington, DC where over 100 federal civilian and military agencies and programs exhibited. During the event, kids are able to meet a NASA astronaut, climb aboard an F-16, take home free buttons, coloring posters, maps and puzzles. Adults take advantage of the celebration by

exploring space technology with NASA, searching job databases of government agencies, receiving free health screening tests, and understanding emergency responses to the Y2K problem. All the while, government employees are on hand to answer questions about what they do and why they have chosen public service careers.



“Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.”

—HENRY CLAY  
SPEECH AT ASHLAND, KY., MARCH, 1829

“Public confidence in the integrity of the Government is indispensable to faith in

democracy; and when we lose faith in the system, we have lost faith in everything we fight and spend for.”

—ADLAI E. STEVENSON

“In the long-run every Government is the exact symbol of its People, with their wisdom and unwisdom; we have to say, Like People like Government.”

—THOMAS CARLYLE

“Any free government certainly needs a vast corps of well-trained, dedicated, intelligent, long service people who can take care of all the intricate jobs of operating the many and manifold activities that governments these days are compelled to carry on.”

—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

“Let the public service be a proud and lively career.

“And let every man and woman who works in any area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years: ‘I served the United States govern-

ment in that hour of our nation’s need.”

—JOHN F. KENNEDY

“You can’t run a government solely on a business basis ... Government should be human. It should have a heart.

—HERBERT HENRY LEHMAN

“Which is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves.”

—JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

“When I talk with students, I tell them what you do in government at any given level matters more than what business people at a comparable level do.

“What they do is good for the management and the stockholders, and sometimes, for all the customers as well. What you do affects the well-being, survival even, of millions.”

—ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

“The government is us we are the government, you and I.

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT



Photos by Marc McCormick



## Power Up...

The Fort Buchanan headquarters building gets a new emergency generator. The new capacity will enable the command group to have reliable continuous power during emergencies and outages. Left, the new generator is lifted into place. Above, Pablo Cotto (left), Safety Officer for Fort Buchanan, monitors the installation process with the civilian contractor.



## \$2,000 REFERRAL BONUS

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Qualifications for the Army Ten Miler Tryout race was held by the Fitness Center.

A total of seven active duty military personnel participated from MRPU, 65th RRC and U.S. Coast Guard.

The results were —

- 1) Jalmar Rivera, USCG 1:04:22
- 2) Alfredo Rodriguez, USCG 1:07:23
- 3) Daniel Garcia, MRPU 1:16:27
- 4) Philmore Williams, 65 RRC 1:20:59
- 5) Saby Calo, 65th RRC 1:26:40
- 6) Edgardo Ortiz, USCG 1:27:50
- 7) Carlos Lopez, MRPU 1:42:10



# Guardsmen, Reservists can request help from USERRA

El Morro Staff

ARLINGTON, Va.— Members of the National Guard and Reserve can now request assistance online from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve ombudsmen for employment issues arising from military service or mobilization.

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act is the federal law that protects the employment of military reservists and prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of military service.

Guardsmen and Reservists can visit the ESGR Web site at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil) and select the link, USERRA Complaint Request on the right side of the page.

The service member is asked to provide contact information for him or herself and his or her employer, as well as a brief explanation of the issue.

The information is stored on a secure server and ESGR assigns the request to one of its 900 volunteer ombudsmen for informal mediation.

Guardsmen and Reservists are still able to use ESGR's customer service center at 1-800-336-4590 to initiate a request.

"While Guardsmen and Reservists have always been able to e-mail us from the Web site, the USERRA Complaint Re-

quest allows them the opportunity to initiate an ombudsman case online at any time of the day or night," Philip T. Pope, acting executive director of ESGR, said.

"The online request will complement the customer service center in making ESGR more accessible to Guardsmen and Reservists serving all over the world," he said.

In response to USERRA complaint requests, an ESGR ombudsman will contact the servicemember within 48 hours.

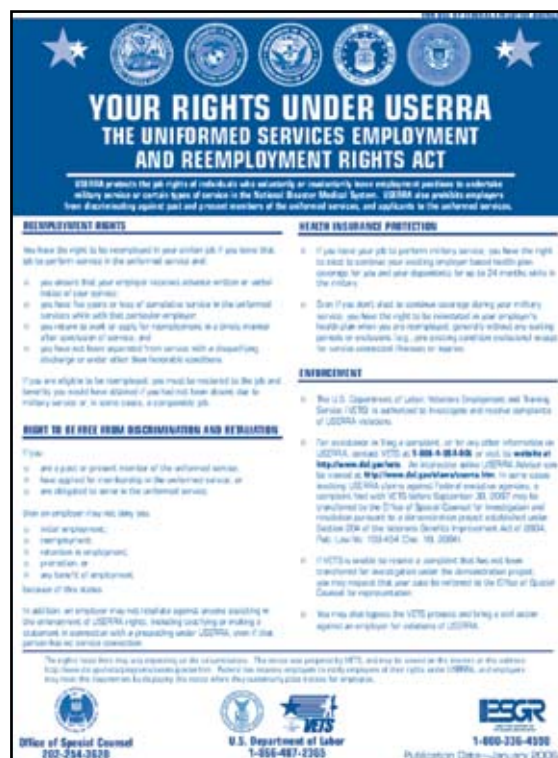
If the ESGR ombudsman is unable to resolve the issue through informal mediation within 14 days, the Guardsman or Reservist is referred to the U.S. Department of Labor, the federal agency with statutory authority for enforcing USERRA.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency estab-

lished in 1972.

The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve.

ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.



## Guard, reserve employer support gets new chief

MIAMI — Maintaining good communications with civilian employers of National Guardsmen and reservists is a major component of mission success at the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the agency's new chief said in an interview. Gordon Sumner Jr., a retired Army lieutenant colonel, was appointed as the committee's new executive director March 29. It is critical, Sumner emphasized, that ESGR maintain open lines of communication with employers of Guard members and reservists, regardless of where they're located.

Created in 1972, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Defense Department agency that provides information and education for employers of members of the reserve components. In addition, the agency can mediate potential disputes between employers and their employees in the Guard or reserves.



Gerry Gilmore  
**Gordon Sumner Jr. is the new executive director for the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.**

## 2008 IMCOM mentoring program begins



File Photo

**Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald**  
Dep. Commanding General, IMCOM

I am pleased to announce the Installation Management Command's FY-2008 program for the HQ IMCOM Centralized Mentoring Program.

The purpose is to solicit volunteers to serve as mentors for the program. An opportunity to participate in the program as a mentee is being announced separately.

The HCMP is a competitive one-year mentoring program that is funded and managed by HQ IMCOM. The goal of the HCMP is to help develop well-rounded managers at the mid or senior-level by helping high potential employees assume higher levels of responsibility.

HCMP will match high potential employees (equivalent GS-11 through GS-13) with senior IMCOM leaders as mentors. A number of IMCOM senior leaders will be selected as mentors and matched with selected mentees.

Additional information about IMCOM mentoring and HCMP can be found in Appendix B of IMCOM Pamphlet 600-8, Civilian Mentoring Program, at Web site [www.ima.army.mil/demo/sites/directorates/publications.asp](http://www.ima.army.mil/demo/sites/directorates/publications.asp).

Note that the electronic versions of the mentoring forms have been revised and the enclosed Mentor Application should be used for HCMP-2008. Also, in addition to supervisory signatures, garrison applicants require an endorsement from the Garrison Commander/Manager or Deputy Garrison Commander and region applicants require an endorsement from the Region Director or designee. Applicants at HQ IMCOM must obtain supervisory and Division Chief signatures.

Send the application by mail or email to the HQ IMCOM Workforce Development Branch point of contact. Applications must be received in HQ IMCOM no later than June 11, 2007.

The HCMP point of contact is — Mary Tanzer, (703) 602-5487/DSN-332, or e-mail: [Mary.Tanzerhoda.army.mil](mailto:Mary.Tanzerhoda.army.mil).



Fort Gordon PAO — The Signal

## TRICARE service excellence...

The TRICARE Area Office for Latin America & Canada has been named the 2006 TRICARE Overseas Office of the Year. The office oversees TRICARE operations for over 35,000 beneficiaries residing in 42 countries throughout Latin America, including Puerto Rico. The TAO-LAC has a staff of 13 military and civilian personnel and is located at Fort Gordon, Ga.

From the left: front, Linda Kritsch; back, Rosemary Baunchalk, Sean Glover, Mark Lyda, Gisel Reyes and Doris Aponte.

Below the sign: left: Lt Col Michel Schott, Col. Debra Franco.

Right of sign: left: Betsy Olive, Debra Brown, and June



# Outlaws take Beans 'n Bullets through Iraq's Mustang Area

**Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim**  
2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE RUSTAMIYAH, Iraq**—It's a drive that has become all too familiar for Sgt. Edrik Torres.

In his second deployment to Iraq, the Cavorojo, Puerto Rico native has learned to ignore the many dangers that come with pushing supplies out to his supported units, and the only thing on his mind, he admitted, is making sure the guys get what they need to survive.

The motor transport operator who is assigned to Company F, Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, said he's proud of being a part of the section they call "Road Warriors."

"My guys, they like to go out and gain experience," he said. "They travel out almost everyday."



**Sgt. Edrik Torres, of Cavorojo, Puerto Rico, a motor transport operator, Company F, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, checks his communications equipment before heading out to Co. C's combat outpost in Baghdad. The unit services the Mustang Area.**

Their and the rest of the "Outlaws" of Co. F's mission is to constantly transport everything the rest of their battalion's Soldiers need to live. That mission has been further complicated with new combat outposts which means new routes.

Before the mission, Torres, walked around his truck to make sure everything was in proper working order. He pulled his truck in line behind a Bradley Fighting Vehicle escort.

As the Baghdad weather is starting to heat up, he said, "Well, at least we have air conditioning."

On a recent supply push to Company C's combat outpost, Torres took a few pallets of water and meals ready to eat for the Soldiers who otherwise have nothing else.

"The guys get really excited when we come by," Torres said of the Soldiers he and his unit supply.

During 1st Bn., 8th Cav. Regt.'s recent beef-up of security into Baghdad, living away from their forward operating bases' many amenities such as running water, electricity, and hot chow to name a few, supplies have become one of the most important things to their survival.

In addition to their sustenance supplies, Co. F, also has been transporting "Jersey" and "T" concrete barriers to surround the combat outposts, but still, it's the food and water that is most appreciated by the Soldiers.

"These LOGPACs (logistics packages) keep us going," said Capt. Joseph Rosen, Co. C's commander of Fort Polk, La. "Right now, water isn't as important as it's going to be in the spring and summer. That's when we are going to feel the pain. The food is really important though."

As Rosen's unit started living in an abandoned snack-food, packaging plant within an industrial district in Rustamiyah, the only means of getting anything was through the regular convoys the Outlaws made to the remote outposts, and that's something Rosen said they do not take for granted.

"Whatever we've asked of Foxtrot Company, they have bent over backward to make it happens for us," Rosen said. "I love those guys. Capt. (Dennis) Williams and his boys have never told us 'no,' these guys are all over it."

According to Williams, he had his reservations about the platoon that is comprised of a lot of brand-new Soldiers. Yet, he said, he has learned through their willingness to complete any mission handed down to them as consummate professionals.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim

**Company F, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, brings supplies during a drop to Company C's combat outpost in Baghdad.**

"They will go out everyday and do so efficiently; we are designed to operate that way," he said. "That's how an FSC rapid resupply is supposed to work."

According to Williams, the Outlaws have roughly 30 to 45 minutes to haul their load throughout their different drops, and that one-minute more can prove lethal. Yet, he admits that it is in large part due to the standards imposed on their platoon which, in his opinion, the "best FSC" in the theatre.

"I couldn't have asked for a better platoon," Williams said of the Outlaws. "They take their job seriously, and I'm glad they do. These guys have their job down to an art."

1st Sgt. Andre Owens, who is the FSC's highest-ranking, enlisted Soldier, attributes their reputation on the two women who run the distribution platoon: the platoon leader and sergeant.

"They set the company's standard on PCI (Precombat Inspections) and convoy briefs," Owens said. "Sgt. 1st Class (Cassandra) Baker Biloxi has high personal standards and that's what makes her have high standards with her platoon."

Owens added that he's impressed with the leadership of all his noncommissioned officers.

"We don't ever skip a beat," he said. "Every convoy is the same - that's why our Soldiers are alive and well today."

## Supply convoy keeps Soldiers happy

**Sgt. Antonieta Rico**  
5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**MOSUL, Iraq** — Curfew is in effect in Mosul as the Troop D, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, Soldiers roll through the city's empty streets

Undeterred by reports of a possible roadside bomb, the



**Private 2nd Class Cory Rand, Troop D, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, adjusts a lamp to check his vehicle before heading out on a supply convoy to Al Kindi, an Iraqi army base near Mosul.**

**Rand's mission was to deliver supplies to Troop A, 1/9 Cavalry Regiment, who are supporting military transition teams, or MiTTs, at the base.**

Sgt. Antonieta Rico

support Soldiers are intent on delivering supplies to fellow cavalry Soldiers.

"Our goal is to keep the convoy moving," said Capt. George Childs, Troop D commander, "If we stop, we are failing that mission."

With the recent realignment of 1/9 Cavalry Regiment into a "super MiTT," and Soldiers of the squadron spread through out Nineveh Province, the Soldiers of Troop D, the 1/9 Cavalry support troop, are relishing their chance to show what they are capable of.

Soldiers of Troop D also deliver supplies to MiTT units and coalition forces within Mosul, as well as 1/9 Cav. Regt. Soldiers in the Tal Afar and Al Kisik areas in western Nineveh Province.

"If I don't deliver, trucks don't move," said Staff Sgt. Guillermo Rivera, distribution platoon sergeant, "They don't have spare parts for their vehicles, they don't have ammunition, they don't have fuel, they don't eat."

And although the Soldiers deliver the necessities, they also deliver the comfort items that take the edge off a hard days work. Rivera's Soldiers also deliver mail, hot chow, and the occasional special request for cream cheese.

"When you go out there you always get a happy face waiting on you and a warm handshake," said Rivera, a native of Puerto Rico, "We are like their best friend."

That friendly sentiment was evident when the Troop D Soldiers arrived at Al Kindi.

Soldiers of Troop A were waiting for them and as the supplies were unloaded, the Troop A Soldiers and an Iraqi army officer started making Chai for the Troop D Soldiers.

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## Organization looking to identify Purple Heart recipients

**Robert Friedman**  
*Washington Star*

Purple Heart Awardees urged to register for inclusion in museum.

Sergio Morales, who heads the Newburgh, N.Y. chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, is also requesting island residents who have won the medal to join a newly formed San Juan chapter of the organization.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces wounded during combat. There are an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 veterans on the island who have received the medal.

The Purple Heart registry is stored in a com-

puter at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and Museum in New Windsor, N.Y. Veterans can have their stories recorded through filmed interviews that are stored in the museum's databank.

Morales, who was born in Ciales and now lives in upstate New York, said those vets who want to be included in the registry should present proof they received the award through such documents as discharge papers. The veterans may also submit photos of themselves while in the military or newspaper articles about their service for the museum records Morales said.

He suggested that the veterans could write a "brief narrative," in English or Spanish, about the events

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*El Morro Staff*

The use of all Department of Defense motor vehicles shall be restricted to official purposes only.

Commanders determine "official use" in accordance with regulation and statute. In doing so, the commander considers whether or not the use is necessary to carry out a DoD function, action or operation, and whether or not the use is consistent with the purpose for which the vehicle was acquired. DoD policy resolves questions on official use in favor of strict compliance with law and regulation.

The commander must also ensure that the individual authorized to drive the vehicle has the necessary driving credentials to operate the vehicle (e.g., a military drivers license to operate a non-tactical vehicle).

Transportation to official after-hours functions requires prior approval as an exception to policy. Transportation to after-hours functions must begin and end at the normal place of duty, unless the Secretary of the Army has approved home-to-work transportation. Transportation may not be provided solely for the reasons of rank, position, prestige, or *personal convenience*. See AR 58-1, para. 2-6c.

Commanders may allow the use of military vehicles for authorized activities when failure to do so would adversely impact the morale of the unit. In such cases, the commander must still determine that the use is for official purposes. The commander must also ensure that the use neither adversely impacts the duties or mission of the unit, nor generates a requirement for additional vehicles.

Many questions arise as to whether or not transportation between domicile and duty is official use. Generally, domicile-to-duty transportation is not official use and, therefore, is not authorized. Military personnel are responsible for their own transportation to and from work. There are, however, limited exceptions.

Certain Department of the Army officials are authorized duty-to-domicile transportation, as are medical officers providing patient care away from the hospital and personnel engaged in field work, when the Secretary of the Army authorizes such transportation.

Personnel in a TDY or TCS status may be provided transportation when local transportation is not available or impractical. In such cases, personnel are authorized transportation between domicile and duty, eating establishments, and for comfort and health purposes. Such use includes transportation to barber shops, places of worship, drug-stores, and similar places. In no event is transportation authorized for recreational or entertainment purposes, or where an adequate military bus system or public transportation system is available.

Questions also arise about using non-appropriated fund (NAFI) vehicles. NAFI vehicles are government vehicles limited to official use only. The installation commander determines official use. Here, the vehicle may be used only for official NAFI business. Domicile-to-duty transportation is not authorized except where (1) highly unusual circumstances present a clear and present danger to the individual, (2) there is an emergency situation, or (3) there are other compelling operational considerations making the provision of transportation essential to conduct official business.

Transportation for spouses of government employees is generally not authorized. Under limited circumstances, spouses may be transported on a space-available basis. In such cases, the government employee must be traveling on official business in a vehicle approved for official use, the spouse must accompany the employee during such business, and the spouse's presence in the vehicle may not generate a need for a larger vehicle.

Private organizations may use government vehicles on a reimbursable basis. The basic provisions for official use still apply. If the vehicles will be used for transportation to a special event, the event must

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Marc McCormick

**Fort Buchanan's Retiree Appreciation Day will be May 19, 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Fort Buchanan Community Club.**

**The guest speaker for the occasion will be retired Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tiley.**

**There will be raffles and door prizes during the event.**

**For more information, contact Santiago Santiago at 707-3842.**

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## DOL/DPW first Performance Work Statement completed

**Luis A. Cruz**  
*Team Leader*

The Directorate of Logistics/Directorate of Public Works A-76 Performance Work Statement's first draft was released for public comment on Mar. 9 2007.

The package, which contains more than 600 pages of data, consists of six sections describing the DOL/DPW scope of work for the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Buchanan.

The first draft does not include technical exhibits but future release will include performance standards, workload data, infrastructure data, and equipment documentation.

This document could not have been completed without the help and support of the entire DOL/DPW community. The PWS team, the installation supporting team, and all DOL/DPW employees who helped us gather all the data are directly responsible for this document and all the hard work it took to get us to this point.

During preparation of the PWS, the team conducted more than 900 hours of mission and functions interviews with representatives from every section of DOL/DPW.

During these interviews, products and service items were defined for DOL/DPW work at 13 locations around the island where reserve center employees carry out their daily responsibilities.

Now, the focus of the PWS Team is to gather all necessary data to finalize all performance standards, workload data, infrastructure data, and equipment documentation.

Interview with employee will continue until we release the final PWS to the industry. Our next step is the line by line review with the contracting officer and their functional experts.

Remember, all A-76 information will be maintained as "For Official Use Only" and "Competitive Sensitive."

What is said in your organization must stay in your organization. What you say and who you say it to can make the difference.



# Inhalants newest drug threat

Inhalants and alcohol abuse are category leaders in self-destructive behavior. The Fort Buchanan Alcohol & Drug Control Office took their program to the "streets" with information and customer interaction.

*El Morro Staff*

In a continuing effort to educate the public and prevent death and injury from substance abuse.

Gisela Aponte and Myrna Llanos of the Buchanan Alcohol and Drug Prevention Office set up shop at the entrance to the Exchange providing information and guides to identifying and preventing drug and alcohol abuse.

Handing out materials to inform customers, the team also took time to speak with interested customers about their pro-

gram, the services they offer and answer questions.

Inhalants are gaining a lion's share of the headlines today and are a "legal" intoxicant favored by young people because the products they use to get high are readily available.

A look at the fact sheet will surprise many with the common ordinary items that can be used as inhalants.

Parents would do well to be advised of these items that can be potentially abused leading to death, brain damage and other

terrible illnesses. If you are using hair spray at volume levels, you may have a problem in your family.

Deaths that result from inhalants or excessive drinking can be prevented through education and awareness.

If you would like to learn more about the effects of inhalants and alcohol abuse, or suspect someone you love has a problem, contact the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Office by calling 707-3419.

Ms. Aponte or Llanos will be more than glad to assist you.

## Fact Sheet for Soldiers Huffing and the abuse of Inhalants

**Background** — Inhalants are breathable chemical vapors that produce mind altering effects on the user. Also known as *huffing* because of the way they are ingested, inhalants are typically abused with plastic bags, rags or pressurized containers. Street names for inhalants include: *poppers, snappers, bang, boppers and hippie crack*.

**Inhalants are typically split into four categories** —

- *Solvents* (paint thinner, glue).
- *Gases* (butane lighters, propane, anesthetics).
- *Aerosols* (spray paint, hair spray).
- *Nitrites* (amyl nitrate, butyl nitrate).

**Products that are commonly abused include** —

- Dust-Off.
  - Rubber cement.
  - Hair spray.
  - Fabric protector.
  - Chloroform.
  - Paint thinner.
  - White out.
  - Toxic markers.
  - Lighter fluid
  - Gasoline.
  - Octane booster.
  - Nitrous oxide.
  - Room deodorizer.
- Inhalants can cause** —
- Chronic memory loss.
  - Emotional instability.
  - Slurred speech.
  - Body tremors.
  - Sight disorders.
  - Hearing loss.
  - Liver damage.
  - Kidney damage.
  - Bone marrow damage.

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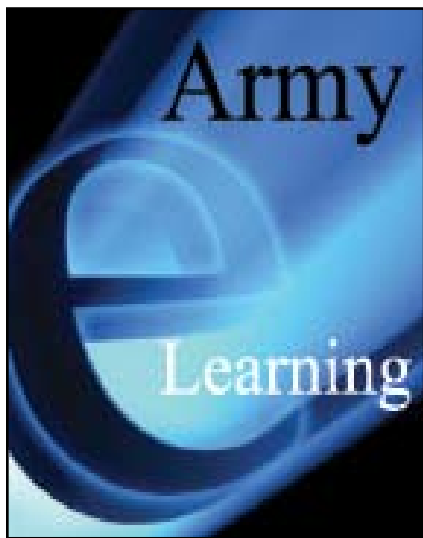
(Top) Left, Gisela Aponte explains a Breath/Alcohol Content meter to an interested customer. Right, Myrna Llanos points out important information about the duration and effects of alcohol using the meter. (Below) Aponte and Llanos set-up an information table for customers visiting the exchange. It was part of their program to raise awareness about alcohol and inhalant abuse.



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## Alcohol Awareness Program

**Myrna M. Llanos**  
ASAP Prevention Coordinator

Drinking is a choice. Some people choose not to drink for religious reasons, health reasons, or because they do not wish to risk being "out of control." Other people choose to drink in moderation during religious ceremonies or other social gatherings, at a meal, or when alcohol is prescribed for health benefits. The reasons for drinking or not drinking vary. Each person should make the right choice in a responsible manner. In most circumstances, responsible drinking involves the following —

- Drinking with others--drinking alone can lead to increased problems.
- Drinking with other activities--drinking for the sake of drinking can be a sign of dependency.
- Avoiding intoxication by drinking slowly, with food in one's stomach.
- Paying careful attention to the body's reaction to the alcohol ingested.
- Understanding safe limits and responsibly staying within those limits.

How is drinking affecting your behavior?

- Do you find it difficult to relax without a drink?
- Do you occasionally feel bad about your drinking?
- Your friends or family have told you they think you have a drinking problem.
- You have lost track of time or events that occurred while you were drinking.
- You have missed class, work, or other obligations because of your drinking.
- While under the influence of alcohol, your thinking, reaction time, or judgment has been impaired to the point that you have been frightened or endangered.
- You have become verbally or physically abusive toward people, animals, or objects while you were drinking.
- You have had so much to drink, you have experienced one or more of the following symptoms — unable to stand, unable to walk straight, double vision, slurred speech, vomiting or hangover.

The Alcohol Awareness Initiative has been launched for the purpose of educating the public about the dangers of alcohol use. Alcohol Awareness Month, sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence since 1987, encourages local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues. Alcohol Awareness Month began as a way of reaching the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism; that it is a treatable disease, not a moral weakness, and that alcoholics are capable of recovery.

During the month of April, the Ft. Buchanan Army Substance Abuse Program carried out several awareness activities, such as displays at the Exchange and PXtra demonstrating the impact to our military and civilian community.

Services available —

Ft. Buchanan's ASAP is available to provide services for individuals desiring more extensive information, assessment, counseling, or other forms of help. ASAP is a command program and its mission is to strengthen overall fitness and effectiveness of the total bilingual workforce and to enhance combat readiness through premium substance abuse prevention support and services to the entire command, service members, civilians and their family members. Services are provided for all ID cardholders eligible to receive military medical services to include family members and retirees. The ASAP team is composed of an Alcohol and Drug Control Officer, Employee Assistance Program, Prevention Coordinator, and an Installation Biochemical Testing Coordinator.

The Installation Alcohol and Drug Control Officer provides continuous oversight of the Army Substance Abuse Program. The ADCO advocates for the ASAP and ensure that all ASAP services are provided. These outcomes are achieved through proactive planning, training, programming, budgeting and evaluation, among others. The ADCO manages, supervises and maintains operational control of the installation commander's alcohol and drug program, the main purpose of which is soldier and unit readiness. The ADCO is the single point of contact for all ASAP issues.

Furthermore, she is the chief advocate for the ASAP and as such provides consultation (knowledge) and liaison (coordination) with all agencies and commands. Your point of contact is Gisela Aponte, 707-3419.

The Prevention Coordinator is the community resource for substance abuse prevention education. In addition to awareness campaigns and newcomers' briefings, the PC is a training technician, providing training to the Ft. Buchanan military and civilian community. The point of contact is Myrna Llanos, 707-3125.

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# Good housekeeping makes work areas cleaner, safer

**Luz A. Muriel-Díaz,**  
*Environmental Protection*

Good housekeeping methods are practices, which can be implemented to maintain cleanliness and prevent spills or accidents.

These include simple steps such as preventive maintenance that can minimize waste generation.

The objective is to minimize material losses and prevent unnecessary hazardous waste generation through common sense routine procedures.

For example, maintaining stocks of materials well organized often has a great waste reduction impact because materials already on hand will not be reordered for a specific job.

This involves minimal capital expenditure or effort to implement.

## **Preventive maintenance —**

A preventive maintenance program helps avoid equipment breakdown, inefficient operations, Hazmat spills, and costly cleanups.

## **Clean up —**

Clean up small spills with rags (do not saturate) and store them in a covered container clearly marked with its contents for subsequent disposal.

Recover fluids for reuse or recycling (squeeze from mop, wring from rags or absorbent mats, use a wet/dry vacuum).

Sweep floor using a dry absorbent material; reuse absorbents until spent, then dispose them properly IAW applicable guidance and regulations.

## **Container's procurement and its integrity —**

Purchase containerized materials in the size and type of container which will minimize material losses and costs.

Buy liquids in smaller containers if mixing and small amounts are generally required for the job.

There will be less potential for spills, material evaporation, expiration of used materials, and will prevent degradation from unused material returned to its original containers.

Buy containers that will minimize disposal problems (e.g. fillable pressurized spray cans in place of single aerosol spray cans).

Periodically check the container's integrity and look for leaks.

## **Comply with worker and community Right-to-Know laws —**

Make certain that distributors supply the Material Safety Data Sheets for all purchased hazardous materials in order to understand material's hazards, proper handling, safety precautions, and emergency response procedures.

Install and periodically inspect spill and leak control

equipment such as splash guards, drip boards, and spill basins on dikes, overflow control devices, drain valves, and leak detection systems.

## **Neatness counts —**

Keep work areas clean and organized.

## **Routine Inspections —**

Check for —

- Condition of containers and storage tanks, including all equipment attached to them.

- Pipes, valves, and hoses. Look for leaks at seams and pump seals.

- Material's expiration date and condition of containers storage areas.

- General inventory and storage areas to ensure they have proper signs, placards, and labels.

## **Equipment evaluations and inspections —**

Ensure that new equipment will generate the least amount of hazardous waste possible and that they can be easily maintained before purchasing.

Preventive maintenance can save 3-4 times the equipment cost by reducing breakdowns and malfunctions.

Comply with all applicable environmental and safety standards set forth on user manuals. Consult with the equipment manufacturer for more information.

## **Track materials —**

Effectively track the shelf-life of time sensitive materials and use the oldest stock first ("first-in, first-out"):

- Label, date, and inspect new materials as they are received.

- Keep records of date of receipt and usage to help reduce overstock and material degradation.

- Inventory of material at least once a year.

- Consider the implementation of an automated tracking system.

Buy and stock only what you need.

The costs associated with hazards, hazardous materials management, and disposal of excess or expired stocks is constantly increasing.

## **Materials review —**

Evaluate the materials that are being used. Look for less toxic or non-toxic substitutes, and purchase:

- The least toxic and least costly products that will comply with its intended purpose.


- Higher-purity raw materials.

- Non-corrosive or reactive raw materials.

## **Container stacking —**

Stack containers not higher than what is recommended by the manufacturer and in a way that minimizes the potential for tipping, tearing, puncturing, or breakage. Remember:

- Do not stack equipment



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**9.** Percent of species are facing extinction because of global climate change.

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**1.** The number of people it takes to start change.

If you want to know more about this program please contact the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at (787) 707-3508. References: Earth Day Network Reality Check [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) and USEPA website: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

against containers.

- Raise drums off the floor to prevent corrosion from surface moisture.

## **Proper labeling —**

Proper labeling is extremely important to prevent accidents and extra disposal costs.

## **Training —**

Train employees regularly on good housekeeping practices.

## **Ensure that —**

- Proper temperature and humidity settings are maintained in order to reduce material degradation.

- Set inventory limits taking into consideration emergency response capability of the facility.

- Organize equipment efficiently.

- Facilities and equipment are available for proper re-

cycling, reuse, and treatment needs.

- There are large access doors, wide walkways for ease of movement into and out of the area.

- Keep records of spills that have occurred in order to identify spill prevention opportunities and to document related costs.

*Remember, our goal is to use good housekeeping methods as a Best Management Practice to effectively eliminate risks that can adversely affect our health, safety and environment.*

For additional information concerning BMP, contact the DPW Environmental Division at 707-3508. References: USEPA Oil Spill Good Housekeeping Practices.

You can also find information at Web site [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

## **\$2,000 REFERRAL BONUS**

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# Fort Buchanan volunteers recognized with

**Marc McCormick**  
*El Morro*

Part of the lifeblood of any garrison is are the volunteers who devote their time and attention into improving the quality of life for the Soldiers and civilians of the command.

At Fort Buchanan, we have an extensive volunteer population who make Buchanan a better place to live each day through their individual efforts.

The director of volunteers at Fort Buchanan is Ivette Davila of Army Community Services. She would be the first to tell you the countless stories of volunteers improving life here.

April 21 was the annual salute to volunteers. The Volunteer Appreciation ceremony was held at the Community Club. Volunteers are special and to make this year's presentations more poignant was the recognition of Col. & Mrs. Ackman. The slide in the background referred to - The Ackman Legacy.

Their combined leadership has improved Fort Buchanan in countless ways, great and small. As Ivette Davila, Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Buchanan, speaking to the Ackmans said, "You have taken pride and given your commitment in making Fort Buchanan a better place to live. Our families, our military families and our community have benefited from your untiring sacrifice. Thank you for your leadership and synergistic efforts. We will proudly remember you

throughout our military history at Fort Buchanan. Army Strong is Volunteer Strong inspired example.

Dr. Nina Martinez-Geigel was the guest speaker for the event. In addressing the volunteers she said, "I would like to begin giving special thanks and a round of applause to all the volunteers present here today. This statement of gratitude from everybody present here today to you volunteers represents the appreciation this military community has for all of you wonderful people who freely help, giving their time, knowledge and resources to improve the quality of life of Soldiers and their family members and to the community in general.

"Volunteerism is a hallmark of all military life and I have observed that it can be one of the best aspects of mili-

## Fort Buchanan All Stars



**Mariel Rosario**



**Irma Rivera**



**Rosey Irizarry**



**Belinda Madeam**



**Carmen Soto**



**Rafael Gilestra**



**Greg Davila**



**Christine Dardiz**



**Marcos A. Cruz**



**Christina Vazquez**



**Carmen Rivera**



**Gregory Boseman**



**Miguel Jones**



**Belinda Carrasquillo**



**Demetrious Hartsfield**



**Ana C. Garcia**



**Col. Margarita Aponte**



**Gilbert Pérez**



**Marie Clemente**



**Santiago Santiago**



# ceremony during Volunteer Recognition Day

tary life for the family members, retired Soldiers and their spouses. I have seen how volunteers improve the quality of life of this installation and also demonstrate the Army values, especially selfless service," she said. All the volunteers are important to Fort Buchanan. As Diana Ackman said to them - "I just want you to know how you volunteers at Fort Buchanan inspired me and because of my husband's backing I can move on and volunteer in my local community through inter-organizations and that is my dream, to carry on volunteer work in other areas. I want to thank you for inspiring me and I appreciate all your help and all you have given to Fort Buchanan. It means so much because Fort Buchanan will always hold a place in our hearts forever. It has been very important to us."

Developing her theme further, Dr. Geigel also said, "The people who volunteer are persons who definitely care about other people, about their community and about the world."

Col. Ackman, in receiving his plaque in recognition of the Ackman Legacy, also praised the volunteers and his wife. "I haven't volunteered like you guys. When Diane and I came to Buchanan we knew we were going to be empty nesters (referring to their children not living at Fort Buchanan). We knew the girls were gone. I can never find my wife. I call and she never answers the phone because she is out doing things. Diane really has given up herself to this community and I know that."

"You may not realize this but she has done it because she loves you all. This community and you people have known

us in a different way, in fact after we came here... Fort Buchanan grew on us."

"Maybe it has been a surprise for you to recognize how much fun you can have while helping other people... I want also to tell you that research shows evidence that volunteer work improves your health by providing a better sense of well being, helping people sleep better, and making your immune system stronger," Geigel said. "To finish, ... as Ghandi once said, 'The best way to know yourself is by losing yourself in the service of others.'"

*Editor's Note: The accompanying photos are not printed in any specific order or contain no preferences. We have reproduced those photos that we were able to acquire and we hope no one attending was left out.*

## Volunteers in Your Community



Carol I. Davila



Marjorie Marchand  
and Nilda Feliciano



Raúl Javier Hernández



Isaac Cruz



Aramita Lugo



Nilda Villegas



Arlene Romero



Cherie Nozaki



Natasha Tellado



Francisco Catinchi



Illeana Maysonet



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Lourdes Perez



Cecille Washington



Waleska Soto



Raymond Morales



# Army launches Wounded Warrior, Family Hotline



American Forces Press Service

By becoming an AW2 Portal participant you are able to access exclusive content in the AW2 Community area of this portal that is not available to the public.

You can participate in discussions with other Wounded Warriors in our Forums, view the private news blogs, and register for AW2 Events. You can download photos, documents, podcasts, videos, and more.

AW2 Portal participation is only available for qualified AW2 Soldiers, Familymembers of and Care Providers for AW2 Soldiers, and qualified Employers who would like to post job opportunities for veterans.

AW2 Soldiers are Soldiers who have suffered severe injuries or illness incurred

after Sept. 10, 2001 in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

These injuries include —

- Loss of limb.
- Loss of vision/blindness.
- Spinal cord injury/paralysis.
- Permanent disfigurement.
- Severe burns.
- Traumatic brain injury.
- Post traumatic stress disorder.
- Qualifying conditions requiring extensive hospitalizations or multiple surgeries

All AW2 soldiers are tracked in a central database.

If you know that you are qualified, you may submit your application for participation in the AW2 Portal at Web site <http://aw2portal.com/>.

# Disabled Winter Sports Clinic opens, Sec. thanks veterans

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, Colo. — Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson opened the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic here last night, offering special thanks to wounded warriors of Iraq and Afghanistan and encouraging them to seize the opportunities that await them here.

“There is controversy about this war, but there is no controversy about you,” Nicholson told about 100 veterans of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, who joined more than 300 other disabled veterans for this year’s clinic.

Nicholson thanked the troops who have served to defend the country against terrorism.

“For those on the line tonight over in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for so many of you that are here who have been on that line, I say again, on behalf of this nation of people that is so free: It is free because of you, and we owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude,” he said.

The secretary urged the veterans to take advantage of the opportunities that await them here.

During the six-day winter sports clinic, they will learn adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing and get the opportunity to try their hand at rock climbing, scuba diving, trapshooting, snowmobiling, sled hockey, wheelchair fencing and other activities.

The goal is to push disabled veterans’ limits and help them discover things they never imagined they could still do, explained Sandy Trombetta, VA’s national director for the clinic. He calls the experience a “ride of discovery” that proves life-changing for many participants.

Bradley Barton, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, which cosponsors the clinic with the Department of Veterans Affairs, joined Nicholson in encouraging the country’s newest disabled veterans to look beyond their limitations.

Barton, who was paralyzed from the waist down during combat in Vietnam, told the group he’s had almost 40 years to face his disability and find a way to succeed in life.

“And to be very honest with you, after having gone through the process of adjusting to life with a disability, it is difficult to see your young men and women returning from another war with scars and wounds and the challenges that injuries bring,” he said.

Barton said the winter sports clinic, made possible by generous corporate sponsors and an army of volunteers, gives him hope that the country is moving in the right direction in how it treats its disabled veterans.

“Of course, when you’re up on top of that mountain and you look down, there is going to be a chance that you’re going to wonder if you are moving in the right direction,” Barton quipped.

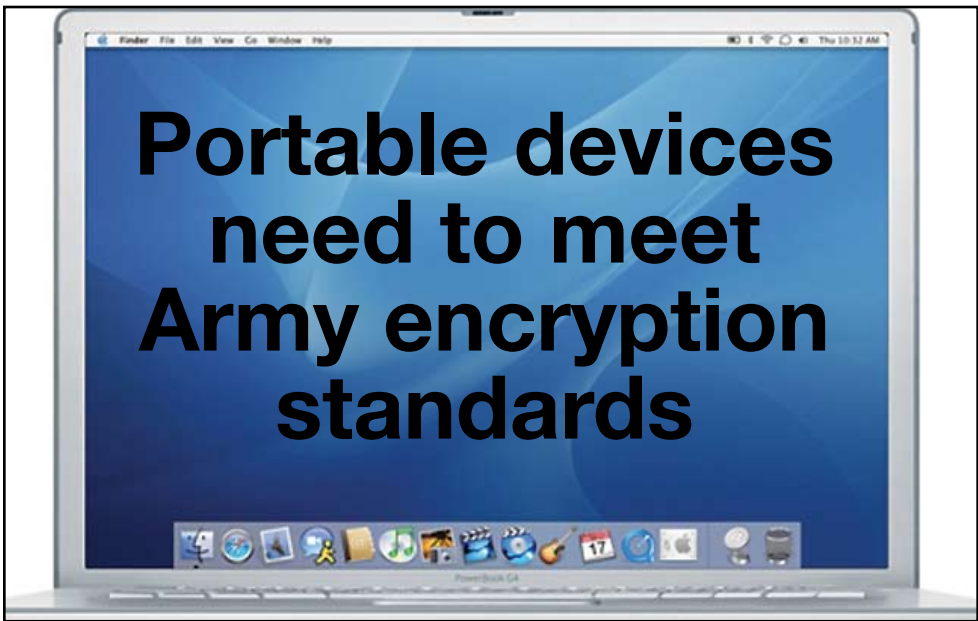
“But never mind that. When you get to the bottom and you look up, my money says you will have a whole new perspective on everything,” he said.

Finding a new sense of independence and freedom is what the winter sports clinic is all about, said Joey Bozik, a former 18th Airborne Division military policeman, who lost his right leg and most of his right arm after being hit with an anti-tank mine in Iraq in October 2004.

Bozik attended last year’s clinic and made such a remarkable breakthrough that he was presented the clinic’s inspiration award during the closing ceremonies.

“This is a life-changing experience,” he said.

“You take what you get here with you, and you realize that you’re limited only by your mind,” he said.



Rafael Maldonado  
Ft. Buchanan DOIM

Traveling with an unencrypted government owned Mobile Computer Device is a prohibited practice.

MCDs are devices such as - thumb drives, handheld notebook, tablet or laptops (except Blackberries) used to process and/or store Army information.

If you are on official travel and are authorized the use of an MCD, contact the DOIM Customer Service Desk to coordinate for the encryption of unprotected files. The MCDs will also be marked, as “Ap-

proved for Official Travel.”

Official travel includes any trip where the MCD is taken outside the installation with management approval.

Pending the decision of Army enterprise solution, DOIM will publish a schedule for encryption of all installation MCDs.

As a user you play a significant role in the protection of Army information and your adherence and cooperation is requested.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Sonia Cordova at 707-2129 or Rafael Maldonado at 707-5795.

Directorate of Information Management

**A User's Guide to Network Access**

FORT BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO

**The DOIM Service Desk makes getting "IT" an easy process!**

Most new employees require both a user account and email account, in order to perform their duties. Before you get connected, though, you will have to meet a few simple requirements. These include:

- Have a valid Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Account.
- Submit a Network Access Application, with all applicable signatures.
- Complete the Information Assurance Awareness Training.
- Review the Acceptable Use Policy and sign a Network User Agreement.

Sound complicated? Don't worry! Our Service Desk representatives are here to help you every step of the way.

**Establishing an AKO Account:** Having an active AKO account makes it that much easier. But if you don't have one, don't despair. Your organization's Information Assurance Security Officer (IASO) will assist you in getting one. Want to educate yourself on the process? Go to this link for more information on AKO account establishment: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/login/welcome.html#>

**Completing the Network Access Application:** With your IASO's assistance, go to the Network Public or "P:" drive, Forms\USAG-FB Forms\Pureedge local forms\IM-1-R-E; complete and print the Network Access Application form. Ensure that the form is completely filled out and contains the necessary signatures.

**IA Awareness User Training:** This training is an annual requirement for access to Army networks. The training can be completed on line via Army E-Learning or visit <http://ia.gordon.army.mil/iss/default.htm>. Personnel should take their time in completing the training, as violations of IA policies and procedures are grounds for temporary or permanent suspension of network access. Failure to submit a completed training certificate will result in the inability to process and complete your network request.

**Submitting your Request:** Once you have completed the Network Access Application, IMSE-BUC-IM Form 1-R-E, Feb 07, take it and a copy of the IA Awareness Training Certificate to the Garrison Security Manager, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), located on the 2nd floor, Building 390, to begin the process. The Security Manager will validate the requestor as having a completed background investigation. If, for some unfortunate reason, a problem is identified during this process, the requesting user and/or his/her IASO will be contacted, with further instructions. Once the approval process is completed successfully, the Service Desk will contact the user. The user must then visit the DOIM Service Desk, located on the 1st floor, Building 390, in order to sign the Network User Agreement/Acceptable Use Policy. At this time, the new user will also create their password and test their access to the network.

**Profile Creation and Email Configuration:** Once the process has been completed, a Service Desk Representative will then open a Trouble Ticket, requesting a Desktop Support Technician visit the user's office, in order to create the user's profile and configure their email account. Once the user's email account has been successfully created, the user is ready to be a productive member of the Fort Buchanan team!

**All Actions Leave an Audit Trail:** Users must remember that they are responsible for all the activity that occurs, during the time he/she is logged into the computer. This includes email traffic, internet browsing, etc. All actions generate an audit trail either on the local workstation or on the network, so make sure you safeguard yourself and "IT"!

**A Message from the DOIM Director...**

...The Customer Service Branch exists to serve customers who need quality IT service and timely response to technical issues and questions. The Branch's portfolio offers a selection of services that are unparalleled in Army Installations throughout the world.

Offering simple and flexible options and solutions help us to meet your needs and provide the performance that you expect. Our dedicated IT personnel are committed to providing the highest quality of service, all the time!

Feel free to contact the Service Desk if you have any questions regarding the information contained herein or any other IT issues. Remember to let us know how your service experience went, via the Fort Buchanan page of the ICE Website.

**Questions? Comments?**

Contact the DOIM Service Desk at (787) 707-5555

**With the Fort Buchanan DOIM, you get "IT"!**



# How to prepare for work site inspections



*Ft. Buchanan Safety Office*

This is part two of OSHA inspections and what you can expect.

## When the inspection begins.

Tip — Be prepared, especially with regard to record keeping. In the past, OSHA inspectors regularly asked to review an employer's OSHA-200 logs and to see specific accident reports. Effective in 2002, a major overhaul of the administration's record keeping rule includes use of the new Form 300--Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. Companion forms include more data about how an injury or illness occurred--Form 301 and make it easier for employers to calculate incidence rates--Form 300A.

The new forms, along with training materials, fact sheets and other assistance, are available on OSHA's Web site.

Tip — The inspector should conduct the opening conference before conducting an inspection. This is critical because you have a right to know the purpose and reason for the inspection. Don't hide anything, but don't open yourself up by offering information not relevant to the purpose of the inspection.

Tip — If the Inspector has to go through part of your production area on the way to the opening conference, do not attempt to clean up the area he/she has seen. The inspector will make note of any changes made.

Tip — The OSHA inspector is at your facility for a specific reason and purpose. The opening conference is designed for the inspector to let the employer know why he/she is there and what to expect during the inspection. OSHA encourages employers and employees to meet together with the inspector in the spirit of open communication. If you do not understand the purpose or reason for the inspection, politely ask the inspector for an

explanation. Demonstrate your willingness to cooperate and participate.

## The walk around inspection.

The main purpose of the walk around inspection is to identify potential safety and/or health hazards in the workplace. The OSHA inspector--shall conduct the inspection in such a manner as to eliminate or minimize unavoidable personal exposure to the extent possible.

Walk around representatives can be designated to accompany the OSHA Inspector. They generally include employer designated and employee designated representatives. More than one employer and/or employee representative may accompany the inspector--throughout or during any phase of an inspection if the CSHO determines that such additional representatives will aid, and not interfere with, the inspection (29 CFR 1903.8(a)).

During the walk around the Inspector can —

- Deny the right of accompaniment to any person whose conduct interferes with a full and orderly inspection (29 CFR 1903.8(d)).

- Take photographs and/or videotapes if the inspector determines there is a need. The employer has a right to obtain a copy of any photographs, video tapes, or voice recording taken during the inspection. The employer is also guaranteed protection of any patents or other confidential material contained in the photograph, video tape or voice recording.

Tip — Remember, the inspector is generally limited to the scope and purpose of the inspection. Photographs and video tapes must be related to the specific purpose and reason for the inspection. The exception--if the inspector notices or is made aware of an imminent danger during the walk around, he/she

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# Safety gear — life important

*Ft. Buchanan Safety Office*

A 34-year-old male truck driver was killed when he was hit by a load of laminated veneer beams falling from a forklift.

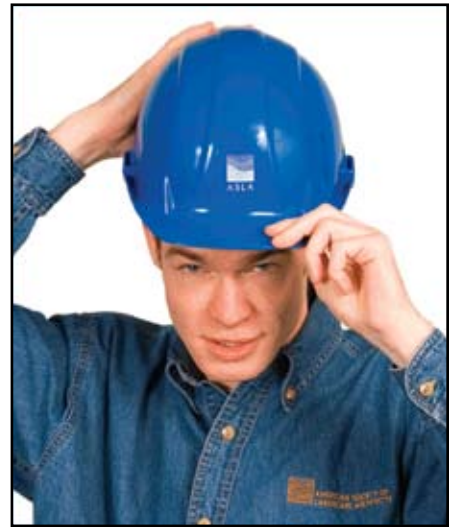
The trucker, employed by a wood products company, was helping a forklift operator load a unit of four laminated veneer support beams, weighing a total of 750 pounds, onto a flat-bed trailer.

The victim was standing on top of the trailer in front of the moving unit, guiding the forklift operator. When the operator began tipping the forklift mast and sliding the unit onto the trailer, one end of the unit slid off the forks first and hit the beams that had already been loaded on the trailer.

The impact caused the unit to bounce and swing rapidly toward the victim. The victim was struck by the load which caused him to fall off the trailer. His head was then crushed by the load.

Emergency medical services and the local police department were called to the scene and found the victim unresponsive with a massive head injury. The medical examiner was called, arrived at the site, and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Safety officials investigating the acci-



File Photo

**Approved hard hats can prevent many head injuries. Check with your safety office for the proper personal protective equipment necessary for working in your area of responsibility.**

dent made recommendations about forklift training and procedures. They also said companies should require workers to wear head protection (hard hat) when assisting with loading or performing any tasks with a potential for head injury.



# Risk Management Training packages now available

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command have partnered to produce Army Common Core CRM training support packages. These TSPs are now available online to Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians through the Reimer Digital Library Web site at [www.adtdl.army.mil](http://www.adtdl.army.mil). CRM training is being fully integrated into Army-wide Soldier training and leader development.

TSP 1 53-R-1 000, CRM Individual and Team, will be taught in the Army's Basic Combat Training beginning May 1, 2007, introducing the Army's newest Soldiers to CRM.

TSP 153-R-2000, CRM Tactical, will be taught in Basic Officer Leadership Course I, Warrant Officer Candidate School, and Warrior Leader Course beginning May 25, 2007, training first-line leaders to effectively engage their Soldiers and teach them to Own the Edge.

TSP 1 53-R-3000, CRM Operational, will be taught as an online, distance learning prerequisite for Intermediate Level Education, Warrant Officer Staff Course, and Advanced NCO Course Common Core.

CRM Operational contributes to

sound risk decision processes at battalion and brigade levels.

Work is progressing to integrate CRM through professional reading and seminars at U.S. Army War College, Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, and Sergeants Major Course.

Strategic CRM influences strategic leaders and thinkers to shape Army Safety and CRM for the future force. Branch and mission-specific CRM training modules are now available through Combat Readiness University at Web site <https://safetylms.army.mil/librix/loginhtml2.asp?v=usac> for Armor, Aviation, Air Defense Artillery, Infantry, Engineers, Military Police, and Transportation Corps. CRM training is no longer "one-size-fits-all." It is progressive and sequential, appropriate to the risk management challenges of varying levels of responsibility, and specific to branch missions.

CRM training solutions have been developed for the Army's military education system and will also be implemented in education solutions for the Army's civilian education system.

For more information on CRM, visit Web site <https://crc.army.mil/RiskManagement>.



Courtesy Photo

## Eye of the beholder...

**This worker tries to shield his eyes by wrapping a plastic bag around his face. This kind of short-cut will not work and he will probably be severely injured. It is the responsibility of every supervisor to ensure that workers have and use proper personal protective equipment.**



# The Army goes to sea — 824th TC assists in transport

**CWO2 Norman Ken**  
*824th Transportation Co.*

**ROOSEVELT ROADS**, Puerto Rico — Feb 13 the 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) arrived at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads to support the 65th Regional Readiness Command in transporting three Cradle Boat Bridge Erection units being sent to New Boston, Texas for rebuilding.

They are being transported to the 652nd Engineering Company in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

The equipment is from the recently deactivated 699th Engineering Company, Roosevelt Roads, which was a subordinate unit under the 210th RSG Aguadilla.

Three Cradle Boat Bridge Erection units were loaded aboard the Landing Craft utility ship *USAV New Orleans*, LCU 2031.

The 824th TC arrived on the island with

LCU 2031 and her crew of 18 led by Vessel Master, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mia Perdue.

The LCU has a carrying capacity of 350 tons with a crew of 14 to 18 personnel.

Even though *USAV New Orleans* and her crew come from the 824th TC headquartered in Morehead City, North Carolina, the vessel and many of her crew hail from Tampa, Florida.

Upon completion of the rebuild in Texas, the three Cradle Boat Bridge Erection units will be forwarded to their new home with the 652nd EN Co. in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

Thanks to the efforts of 2nd Lt. Hector Mojica of the 471st EN Co. and Sgt 1st Class Ortiz Lopez of the 448th Engineering Battalion, the units were prepared, documented, and ready for boarding onto the *USAV New Orleans* shortly after her arrival.

The opportunity to transport equipment from Puerto Rico to the mainland has allowed the Reserve Soldiers of the 824th TC (Heavy Boat), as well as the 65th RRC Soldiers, an excellent opportunity to hone their maritime skills while performing a valuable cost-saving service for the Army.

After picking up the 699th equipment, the 824th departed on Feb. 17 for Columbia, South Carolina.

They are expected to return to Tampa, Florida the first week in March and will be returning to the island to support subsequent missions for the 65th Regional Readiness Command and equipment slated for rebuilding.

Maj. Philmore Williams, transportation officer, 65th Regional Readiness Command, is in charge of shipping equipment stateside.

He and his subordinates, and the Soldiers of the 824th TC (Heavy Boat) will



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Norman Kent 824th TC (Heavy Boat) Soldiers stand in front of *USAV New Orleans*, LCU 2031, at Roosevelt Roads ready to assist in loading Three Cradle Boat Bridge Erection units destined for rebuilding at New Boston, Texas.

continue to work together to ensure the Army continues to improve its wartime capabilities while saving the U.S. taxpayers hard-earned money.

## 65th RRC honors Soldiers at annual formal ball

**Sgt. 1st Class John Gonzalez**  
*65th RRC Public Affairs*

Army Reserve Soldiers from throughout the island gathered Apr. 20 at the Fort Buchanan Community Club to celebrate the Annual Formal Soldier's Ball.

With elegant flower arrangements and table decorations that rivaled some of the island's plush hotels, the community club was wonderfully transformed into a first-class banquet hall to honor our Army Soldiers.

With representation from the 81st Regional Readiness Command, U.S. Naval Activity Command, Puerto Rico National Guard, Fort Buchanan Army Garrison, and several veterans' groups, the stage was set for a delightful evening of camaraderie and fun.

Maj. Gen. Alan G. Bell, Deputy Commanding General, Army Reserve, was the guest speaker for the activity.

Bell praised the dedication, professionalism and commitment of today's Soldiers and reminded them that the heroes of World War II now look to today's Soldiers as continuing in their legacy.

"Just as we all looked at the 'Greatest Generation' as the heroes that saved modern western civilization, they now look to all you Soldiers with the same admiration and respect," Bell said.

"All of you wearing the uniform need to be secure in the fact that you belong to the greatest military organization the world has ever seen, you need to be very proud of that," he said.

Brig. Gen. David S. Elmo, commanding general, 65th Regional Readiness Command, thanked the more than 350 people who attended. He echoed the formal's theme reminding everyone of the sacrifices and achievements of all the Soldiers from Puerto Rico. He recognized our past-commanders including the 65th RRC's first commanding general, retired Brig. Gen. Antonio Rodriguez Ballinas.

Elmo also recognized the young Soldiers of today who are continuing the legacy from our honored veterans.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class John Gonzalez

(Above) Brig. Gen. David S. Elmo, commanding general, 65th Regional Readiness Command, welcomes guest speaker Maj. Gen. Allan G. Bell, deputy commanding general, Army Reserve, at the Army Reserve Annual Formal Soldier's Ball. (Below) More than 350 Soldiers attended the annual formal ball held at Fort Buchanan's Community Club. At the event, generals Elmo and Bell thanked all Soldiers for their sacrifice and devotion to duty.



### ARMY Birthday Ball — June 8, 2007 at 6 p.m. Aprox — 250 Guests

**Suggested Menu Choices — French Onion Soup, Tossed Salad, Churrasco or Tuna Steak with Shrimp Sauce, Baked Stuffed Potatoes, \* Choice of Steamed Broccoli or Glazed Carrots, Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter Florets, Coffee, Tea, Sparkling Cider.**

The cost is \$18.00 Per Person

### Child Care Services for the Army Birthday

- Fee - \$4.00 per hour — 10% discount for each additional child from the same family.
- Hours of Service 1730 — 0030 (Late fee of \$1.00 per minute per family after 0030)
- Age — 6 weeks to 12 years
- Reservations made with CDC at (787) 707-3769
- Registration form (DA Form 4019) and copy of Immunization record required for non registered children.
- Cancellations must be made 2 days prior to the event by calling the CDC
- Reservation Deadline — 1 June 2007
- POC is Carmen Dieppa — (787) 707-3598/3769



# Army's premier law enforcement agency seeking agents

El Morro Staff

**WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24, 2007** – The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, has an all points bulletin out for qualified Soldiers who want to become highly-trained special agents.

During peacetime and war, CID agents investigate felony-level crimes in which the Army has an interest, provide protective services for Department of Defense and Army leadership and work closely with other federal, state and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism around the world.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines. Some specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic-

crime investigations, computer crime and many other specialties in the criminal investigation field. With more than 200 offices worldwide, CID even has an airborne CID detachment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We are always looking for qualified prospects to join CID and special agents are a unique breed," said Special Agent Paul Hudson, CID chief of operations. "Living the law enforcement lifestyle is a challenge our special agents willingly accept and dedicate their lives to ... it takes a special kind of person to muster that type of dedication."

Special agents also have the opportunity to receive advanced law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College and at George Washington University where they can pursue a master's degree in forensic science.

"Educating our agents in all facets of law enforcement is a top priority within CID,"

said Hudson. "We strive to give the agents all the best training available ... a smarter agent, makes for a stronger Army."

To qualify applicants must be a U.S. citizen, be at least 21-years old and have at least two years of military experience but not more than 10, have a physical profile 222221 or higher, normal color vision and an ST score of 110 or higher (ST 107 if tested on or after Jan. 2, 2002). They must be able to speak and write clearly, have two years of college or at least 60 semester credit hours, maximum grade of E-5 Sergeant (non-promotable), be able to complete 60 months of service obligation upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course, have no record of psychological or pathological personality disorders and no record of unsatisfactory credit, have suitable character established by a Single Scope Background Investigation leading to a Top Secret clearance and have no civil court or court martial convictions.

Prior military or civilian law enforcement experience is preferred, but it is not a requirement to enter the program. There are numerous Soldier and civilian special agents throughout CID who come from various military occupational specialties ranging from field artillerymen to administrative clerks.

Special Agent Nicholas Pappas, who was a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic prior to becoming a CID special agent, says that his experience in the field afforded him a wealth of knowledge that he's used throughout his career as an agent, particularly while deployed.

"Coming from a line unit gave me a lot of insight into how units operated," said Pappas. "So I understand the field mentality of the Soldier, I understand the 'food chain' and at which points the system could break down."

Pappas said that his nine years with CID have been great; working along-

side other CID special agents, as well as other federal and local law enforcement personnel, is an opportunity few other Army jobs can boast. He also touted the finer aspects of being an agent and of CID itself.

"Agents are given a lot of independence so you have to have a lot of self-discipline," said Pappas. "I run my own calendar and keep my own hours, so you have to be disciplined." Speaking about CID the organization, Pappas said that, "within CID, honesty and integrity are of the utmost importance and every special agent understands the commitment to finding the truth."

Marianne Godin, chief of the accreditation division, added that regardless of an applicant's background, they must possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact effectively with people from varied backgrounds.

"Becoming a special agent takes more than just being good at the pistol range or book smarts," said Godin. "A special agent has to learn how to adjust their method of verbal communication to get to the information they are looking for ... they must also learn how to uncover information from someone's nonverbal cues as well."

Soldiers interested in becoming CID Special Agents are encouraged to contact the nearest CID office or visit Web site [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) for more information.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is charged with investigating serious crimes of Army concern. CID has approximately 120 offices worldwide, 19 Reserve and six National Guard units whose agents perform a variety of law enforcement tasks. CID also has a state-of-the-art, fully accredited forensics laboratory and has the additional mission of providing Secret Service like protection for Department of Defense and Department of the Army officials.



File Photo

A field agent of the Army's CID checks a weapon that is evidence found at a crime scene. Agents are thoroughly trained in modern investigative techniques.

## Buchanan DAPS can fill your organizational printing

El Morro Staff

The Document Automation & Production Service has recently re-established an operational presence at Fort Buchanan in Bldg. 1105 located on Raintree Street.

For a short time during the late 1990s, DAPS had maintained a small on-site operation at Fort Buchanan, then supported Fort Buchanan's requirements for several years via pick-up and delivery from their larger operation located at the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, until that facility closed in the March 2004.

DAPS, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, has been serving the Department of Defense for nearly 58 years and currently manages 175 service facilities located world-wide in 10 countries.

DAPS offers the most extensive portfolio of best-value document services and solutions in the marketplace, encompassing graphic design and illustration; desktop publishing; multimedia product development; Web development and hosting; document scanning and conversion; electronic document management; CD/DVD production; small and large format digital black and white and full color printing; value-added binding and finishing; distribution; management of customer self-service multifunctional office equipment; paper sales; and extensive outsourcing support services for the acquisition of offset printing and a myriad of specialty items.

The primary mission of DAPS is to serve as the catalyst for document automation within DoD by actively functioning as a transformation agent to accelerate the transition

to the use of online documents and services. The DAPS online document services, which have increased by 114 percent over the past seven years and now represent the largest part of our business, include:

- **DAPS Online** — a DAPS Web based eCommerce solution that allows the customer to shop, order, and obtain status (of job delivery and accounts) online from their desktop. Currently, 37 percent of DAPS orders are submitted digitally by their customers, well above the 25 percent industry average. In the near future, DAPS Online will also provide capabilities for the digital proofing of documents online. Visit Web site [www.jax.daps.dla.mil](http://www.jax.daps.dla.mil) for more information.

- **Web Services** — In support of reinvention initiatives throughout the federal sector, DAPS continues to look at alternative methods to provide information that is traditionally paper based. With the mainstream use of the internet and internet related technologies, DAPS has been a catalyst in migrating customer printing requirements to "soft copy" display using Web server and browser technology. DAPS offers the customer a single source for document creation and conversion to formats supported by the web. In addition to the support provided in the conversion and publishing arena, DAPS provides Web design, web hosting, information assurance, and technical support to a multitude of customers.

- **Electronic Document Management** — DAPS offers various solutions to build digital libraries of documents with online access. An example is the Electronic Document



**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**  
**Document Automation & Production Service**

Management Service system that supports the Defense Distribution Center in electronically capturing, processing, managing and storing millions of documents used in supplying U.S. military units worldwide. This system helps DDC to administer more than 21 million pages annually of documentation such as invoices, packing lists and bills of lading that identify receipt, transportation, and inventory transactions from its 26 distribution sites worldwide.

Another example of the trend toward the use of DAPS online services is the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System. It is a robust, comprehensive life cycle document management and digital library providing Web access to all current military and federal specifications and standards referenced in DoD contracts. There are over 47,000 active specification and standard documents online with over 15 million "hits" to the Web site each month. Visit Web site <http://assist.daps.dla.mil/online> for more information.

The local DAPS facility is currently equipped to provide high-quality, quick turnaround black and white and color digital printing and a variety of value-added binding and finishing services and serves as your portal to the full portfolio of available DAPS services and solutions. The local DAPS facility can be reached at 707-2155.

Further information about DAPS can also be found on its Web site at [www.daps.dla.mil](http://www.daps.dla.mil) or by calling its customer service line 1-877-DAPS-CAN.



# Antilles Elementary School students celebrate Earth Day



Students from Rilalyn Alcaro's 2-8 Class prepare to take their trash to the recycling dumpsters as part of their Earth Day lesson. Pictures by Marc McCormick



Antilles Elementary School teacher Rilalyn Alcaro's readies her students to participate in Earth Day with a lesson in recycling.



Elementary School teacher Hilda Calenzani and class 2-7 show their spirit during the recycling participation effort on earth Day.



Assistant principal Dr. Esperanza Escobar, Antilles Elementary School, came out to watch and participate with the kids during their recycling efforts.



Photo by Joe Bonet

Friends and colleagues gathered together May 4, 2007 to say goodbye to Cecille Washington, an employee of Human Resources. Among the many presentations Washington received, one was by Col. Stephen M. Ackman, commanding officer, Fort Buchanan.



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The Installation Biochemical Test Coordinator administers the Ft Buchanan Biochemical Testing Program. This deterrent program helps commanders assess the security, military and civilian fitness, and discipline of units through the use of urinalysis testing. The point of contact is Jose Berrios at 707-3825.  
ASAP also provides free and confidential bilingual counseling services for civilian employees, immediate family members and retirees through its Employee Assistance Program. The EAP provides assessments and referrals appropriate to the identified problem. It also provides consultation to management.  
The point of contact is Gisela Apon- te at 707-3419.  
ASAP is located in Bldg. 1321-C (next to the Fire Station).



# Buchanan DES provides child identification program

**Marc McCormick**  
El Morro

One of the initiatives of the Department of Emergency Services D.A.R.E. program is an outreach to provide child identification.

The multi-level ID process combines a combination of identification techniques that involve a written personal history, DNA swabs and fingerprinting, among others.

Each year Fort Buchanan officer Felipe Deida, the manager of the Buchanan D.A.R.E. program, sets up a table in a public place where there is high foot traffic, such as the exchange or the PXtra, to avail parents of this powerful protective technique.

One aspect of law enforcement which can be very frustrating is when a person is reported missing. Due to the amount of time that has to pass before the police can be notified, the trail can go cold.

Efforts such as the child identification program help bring the process up to speed when law enforcement needs to become involved. At their fingertips, literally, the relevant agencies have the full range of identification necessary to resolve any missing person situation — if it is on file.

Parents who wish to have a extra mea-

sure of security are encouraged to provide the personal identification profile that the DES police can provide.

During a crisis is not the time to be pulling together all the disparate factors to identify a child.

The process itself takes very little time, and, as you can see by the accompanying pictures, there is very little involved. A fast swab, a quick fingerprinting and a little personal written identification is all that is needed.

Designed for children of all ages, it is also a valuable program for adults.

All the information gathered is confidential and the local DES will explain how the material is maintained and who the material may or may not be shared with. The emphasis is on providing another layer of protection for children. Quick identification saves time, eliminates error and results in a more secure environment.

You do not have to wait until Officer Deida sets up an identification table to take advantage of the program.

Officer Deida regularly visits schools and other locations, and will, if requested, arrange for your child to be profiled at your convenience.

Take advantage of this service and other education programs that Buchanan's DES can offer.



Photos by Marc McCormick

**Officer Felipe Deida, D.A.R.E. Program Coordinator, Fort Buchanan DES, takes a DNA sample from Yalondra M. Valderrama. The girl's mother, Mirabel, and her brother get into the spirit of the occasion. Frequently, DES provides the ID service at Buchanan public locations.**

## Center helps parents, agencies with missing and exploited children

*National Center For Missing & Exploited Children*

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges.

For decades, children were taught to stay away from "strangers." But this con-

cept is difficult for children to grasp and often the perpetrator is someone the child knows. It is more beneficial to help build children's confidence and teach them to respond to a potentially dangerous situation, rather than teaching them to look out for a particular type of person.

For more information, visit Web site [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).



### D.A.R.E. Essay Winners

Seven members of the Antilles Intermediate School Fifth Grade class won in a recent D.A.R.E. award essay contest. The winners were —

• 5-6 Class top winner **Stephanie Morales**.

- 5-2 **Andrea Gorima.**
- M/G **Jean LaFontaine.**
- 5-1 **Michael Reymundi.**
- 5-3 **Sanya Rosario.**
- 5-4 **Lucy Ceballos.**
- 5-5 **Simarra Quinones.**

Leigh Adams

### Interns

"I thought it was going to be a good opportunity. I work with a law firm outside of the base. I am a legal secretary. What I am studying for is to become a paralegal and when they asked me at the university that they had an internship there at Buchanan, I found it interesting. I had never worked with anything with foreign cases."

Asked how it would help her when she goes back to working in the Spanish system of law, Badillo said, "In the base, you focus on everything that is federal. Outside of the base, you don't get that experience at all."

Badillo has worked 11 years with Puerto Rican law firms specializing in corporate law. Her goal is to become a paralegal and start her own business. She has been studying for a long time.

"I started in the year 2000 and will finish out in 2007. I might consider going into law later on," she said.

Stephen is a different type of student and has had a very different background.

"I was home schooled for my entire life. It was a good experience. This internship here is helping to complete an associate (degree) in business management. I have been given some tasks related to business management, to see how management and money flows."

His degree completion will come soon.

"I go to Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas. I am an on-line student," he said. "This is my second year. I'll be finishing the latter part of 2007 or early 2008."

His work with the legal office is more general in nature.

"The projects I have been given are to track and compile the statistics of the weekly operations of legal assistance and claims. The expenses of the office and to make forecasts of the expenses for next year."

Each of the interns were surprised at the support they have received since working at ILO. "Everybody here has given me the answers that I need," Thompson said.

Thompson has decided to pursue his interest in business.

"I will go into college (in California, possibly) and maybe major in accounting or finance. I told Fabiana (Nevado) that I wasn't sure what I wanted to major in but dealing with the budget here helped me decide."

Nevado had many works of praise for Lt. Col. Mark Nozaki and his staff for the support, time and encouragement he has provided the interns. It has been a win-win situation.

Each intern will put in more than 200 hours of time during their tenure in the program and will receive several hours of college credit.

Currently, there are other interns working at Fort Buchanan and any directorates interested in the program should contact Fabiana Nevado at the Civilian Personnel Office. You may have to wait a while since Fabiana just gave birth to her first child, a girl. Perhaps one day we will see her daughter in the highly successful internship program.



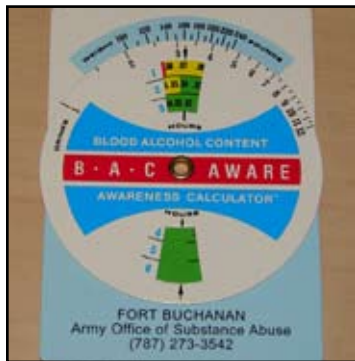
Marc McCormick

**Elizabeth Badillo and Stephen Thompson are working through an internship program managed by the Fort Buchanan Civilian Personnel Office. They perform their duties with the Installation Legal Office performing a variety of tasks.**

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## Inhalants



Marc McCormick

- Paralysis.
- Brain damage.
- Sudden sniffing death.

**Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome** — Most commonly associated with *aerosols* and *gases*, SSDS is the occurrence of heart failure and death in inhalant abusers. SSDS can occur the first time inhalants are used, even when the user is healthy and in perfect shape.

The following are signs of inhalant abuse —

- Drunk or disoriented appearance.
- Paint (or other) stains on the face, hands or clothing.
- Hidden empty spray paint or solvent containers.



## OSHA

is required to widen the scope of the inspection.

Interview employees to ask them to point out hazardous conditions and to determine if advance notice of inspection, when given under the guidelines of the Act, has affected the inspection conditions. Employee interviews can be discussed in private if the inspector feels it is necessary, and can be conducted even if there is an employee representative present. Statements made by employees will be held confidential, but they may be used in court hearings.

As part of OSHA's friendlier approach to inspections, the inspector may offer suggestions or assistance in correcting any deficiencies or hazards noted during the walk around. Depending on the issue, the inspector may or may not issue a citation. However, the inspector still has the right to issue a citation.

**Tip** — Have a digital or video camera with you on the walk around to take pictures of the items pointed out to you by the inspector. This way you will have an accurate pictorial record of the inspection. Write everything down, or consider taking a tape recorder. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask the inspector if he

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- Chemical-soaked rags or clothing.
- Slurred speech.
- Strong chemical odors on breath or clothing.
- Nausea.
- Loss of appetite.
- Red or runny nose.
- Sores or rash around the nose and mouth.

### Tips —

All Soldiers should be educated about the dangers of inhalant use and what to do if someone you know is huffing. The best thing to do is remain calm and seek help. Exciting them may cause the user to become violent, experience hallucinations or suffer heart problems which can cause sudden death. Open windows and doors and call EMS. If the person is not breathing, administer CPR.

Additional information on huffing and inhalant abuse can be found by visiting your local Army Substance Abuse Program, the Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs at Web sites [www.acsap.army.mil](http://www.acsap.army.mil), the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition at [www.inhalants.org](http://www.inhalants.org) or the National Institute on Drug Abuse at [www.nida-nih.gov](http://www.nida-nih.gov).

## Holocaust

of a basic sense of humanity for all the world. It is for this reason that I am very honored to be able to attend this activity and listen to his words (Weiss) and ask that we all learn from his experience on how to overcome the temptation to discriminate, segregate and demean our fellow human beings because of their religion or because of their race or because of their language."

Col. Stephen M. Ackman, commanding officer, Fort Buchanan spoke from the perspective of a Soldier.

"For us in uniform it is important to learn what Mr. Weiss has to convey to us. We in uniform do what we do, at least in perspective of the United States Army, to protect and preserve freedom and to protect preserve liberty and to protect and preserve the best of what is involved in life. Mr. Weiss, in his experi-

ence, comes from what is the worst aspects of humanity which we all are capable of doing or not doing. Those of us in uniform often find ourselves in situations where we're having to counter that which is now that existed at the time Mr. Weiss had to deal with it one on one and live it."

Is there a difference between the Holocaust and events we know that are happening in different parts of the world today?

"It would be different if you could listen to his experience (Weiss) and say that was past. It's a historic lesson. Fortunately he is teaching us something that was he is teaching us something about what is even (happening)

now," Ackman said.

"The greatest tribute we can pay to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust is to never stop trying to make this a more humane and decent world" — Martin Weiss, April 26, 2007.



Joe Bonet

**Puerto Rican Senator Juan Garriga Pico spoke eloquently about tolerance during the Fort Buchanan annual Remembrance Day observance.**

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leading to their being awarded the Purple Heart.

Relatives or friends can register deceased veterans who were Purple Heart recipients with proof of the award.

Those with questions should contact Morales at 1-845-564-1425, or via e-mail at [smorales@hvc.rr.com](mailto:smorales@hvc.rr.com).

The museum opened in November near the site where then Gen. George Washington lived in 1782 when he created the forerunner of the Purple Heart, called the Badge of Military Merit.

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the walk around, you will know what violations the inspector will discuss with you. Give him accurate estimates of when you can have violations abated.

**Tip** — Ask the inspector to fax you the citations as soon as they are ready, instead of waiting for them to arrive via certified mail. Abate violations immediately.

**Tip** — When you receive the citation you will be given a specified period of time in which to abate the violation.

You will have to provide evidence of abatement and must be able to document your compliance.

**Tip** — OSHA requires all citations to be posted for at least three days or until the violation has been abated.

The citation must be posted in an area that is accessible by all employees for review, just like the OSHA poster.

### Follow-up inspections.

Depending on the reason for the initial inspection, the number and types of citations found and the general flow of the inspection, you may or may not expect a follow-up inspection.

However, you should be prepared for a follow-up inspection and be prepared to demonstrate your abatement of the citations.

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wide variety, especially in Mayaguez because we have a lot of different concentrations. I would say that it (the ROTC program) would appeal to any type of university student."

The benefits a student is offered to join the ROTC program is impressive.

"I participated in the Hispanic Student Scholarship which was given to me after I contracted with the Air Force ROTC which pretty much paid for all my tuition, in addition I had a stipend according to which year I was studying. I also had a military member ID card which allows



me to come onto Fort Buchanan and use the commissary and exchange.

Joining the ROTC program incurs yearly obligations followed by an active duty commitment.

"The obligation is per year," Fernandez explained. "The first year the obligation is to attend laboratories and the class."

"Later on in your career as a cadet, you'll actually be managing first and second year students and managing the program they go through as far as lesson objectives," he said.

If Fernandez successfully completes pilot training, he will be obligated for 10 years service. If for some reason he doesn't complete pilot training, his active duty obligation will be four years.

Fernandez looks for to the challenge of becoming a warrior, as they used to say, on the cutting edge of freedom — The U.S. Air Force.

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be off-post, benefit or enhance the morale of the installation community, be open to all members of the installation, and otherwise comply with law and regulation. Again, the installation commander must ensure that such transportation is neither detrimental to the command mission, nor generates a requirement for additional vehicles.

Unauthorized or willful misuse of a government vehicle will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may include punishment under the UCMJ, administrative action, suspension without pay, or removal from office. The minimum penalty for civilian employees is 30 days suspension without pay.

Questions regarding the authorized use of a government vehicle should be directed to your servicing legal office.

For more information, call 787-707-5163.





## Caribbean Scoop!

a taste of events to come...

Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico • MAY 2007



### HALF PRICE SPECIALS

at the Automotive Skills Center from 1 - 6 pm

- OTC Diagnostic Test • 3 May
- Wheel Alignment • 10 May
- Autolift Usage • 17 May
- Wheel Alignment • 24 May
- How to Change your Brakes  
~ Orientation 31 May

Hours of operation: Mon - Fri 9 am - 6 pm;  
Saturdays 8 am - 5 pm; Sundays & Holidays  
closed. For more information call 787-707-3972

### Pre-School Story Time

The Library offers pre-school story time  
along with a craft on Wednesday, 9 May from  
3 - 4 pm, the theme will be: "Mother's Day  
Presents" and Wednesday, 23 May: "Tai-Chi"  
For more information call Library at 787-  
707-3208.

### Newcomers' Info Fair & Tour

Thursday, 31 May • 7:30 am - 2 pm.  
An introduction to the installation's Activities  
from 7:30 - 8:30 am. Leaving from the Com-  
munity Club & Conference Center at 8:40 am  
for a tour of Old San Juan and El Morro  
Fortress. Returning at approximately 1:30  
pm. Tour is free except for the cost of lunch  
and the entrance fee to the Morro Fortress.  
Call in advance for reservations. For reserva-  
tions and more information call Ms. Adria  
Lucca, 787-707-3682/3697, email:  
adria.lucca@us.army.mil

### Military Spouse Appreciation Event

Wednesday, 30 May, 9 - 11 am at the  
Community Club & Conference Center.  
An opportunity to network & enrich your  
military family skills. A variety of interesting  
topics and activities will be offered. For  
details call 787-707-3682.

### CYS America's Kids Run

Wednesday, 16 May • 4 pm at Pee Wee Field.  
Come and join us! Run, jog or walk at your  
own pace. Open to boys and girls ages 4 - 18  
years old. Register at CYS Central Registra-  
tion, Bldg. 1020 until 15 May. Offices open  
Mon - Fri • 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. For more  
information call 787-707-3787/3932. This  
event is sponsored by POWERADE. The U.S.  
Army does not officially endorse sponsor.

### Fort Buchanan Bowling Center by MWR Managing Staff

The Fort Buchanan Bowling Center is closed  
for renovations to install 18 New Pinsetters  
and 42" Monitors along with the Scoring  
System. These new features will place the  
Fort Buchanan Bowling Center with the best  
on the Island. Previously, all the lanes were  
renovated and the completion of the ongo-  
ing projects will bring the center in line with  
other "state-of-the-art" equipment and touch  
screen scoring system. The Pinsetters and  
Scoring System was a Capital Purchase Minor  
Construction Project that was funded by the  
Southeast Region in FY06 for approximately  
\$600K. In addition, the Cosmic Bowling  
Lighting System will also be installed. Once  
the installation is complete, the Fort  
Buchanan Bowling Center will be on par with  
twenty first century equipment that has  
become standard in Bowling Centers  
throughout the United States and most  
Military installations. The current renovation

### SUMMER CAMP 2007 REGISTRATION



Spaces Available! CYS Summer Camp will  
start on 4 June until 10 August. Hours of  
operation will be from 6:30 am - 6 pm.  
Summer Camp fees for the School Age  
Services, Middle School and Teen Center  
will include breakfast, lunch and snacks,  
sports and fitness activities, aquatics, arts  
and crafts, field trips transportation, educa-  
tional activities and T-shirt.

During the Middle School and Teen Center  
field trips participants will purchase their  
own lunch.

School Age Services Programs are offered  
for children from kindergarten through  
fifth grade. (Children that finished the fifth  
grade will be registered at SAS.) Middle  
School/Teen Center is offered for teens  
from 6th to 12th grades.

For more information call the Central  
Registration Office at 787-707-3787.

is being completed with the assistance  
and technical support from our local  
Department of Public Works (DPW) staff.  
The facility will reopen on 15 June 2007.  
Additionally, future projects scheduled for  
FY08 will include the renovation of the  
current snack bar into the "Strike Zone",  
which is an army theme concept, with addi-  
tional renovation in the Sports Bar and  
Reception Area.

### New CYS Track Opening Ceremony by Irma Juliá, Psy. D., MWR/CYS Director

After many years of planning and envisioning  
a "state-of-the-art" track/running field, Fort  
Buchanan will officially open the Pee Wee  
Field on 18 May at 0700 during the Armed  
Forces Day Run. This field may be considered  
one of the best in Puerto Rico in accordance  
with track/field experts. The field is a safe and  
adequate outdoor exercise facility to be  
enjoyed by our Fort Buchanan community.  
Hours of operations are 5:30 am through 9:00  
pm. The Child & Youth Services and Commu-  
nity Recreation Divisions will be planning  
family activities as part of the their fitness  
program, such events will be advertised  
through our local media.



**Sat. 19 & Sun. 20 May '07**  
at the Fitness Center starting at 9 am  
Registration Deadline: Wed, 16 May '07 by COB

Categories:  
Male & Female  
Open, B & C

Fees:  
Military & family: Free  
DoD ID, Retirees  
& Federal: \$5  
Other: \$8

For info call:  
Sports Office at  
787-707-3277  
or Fitness Ctr.  
787-707-3767



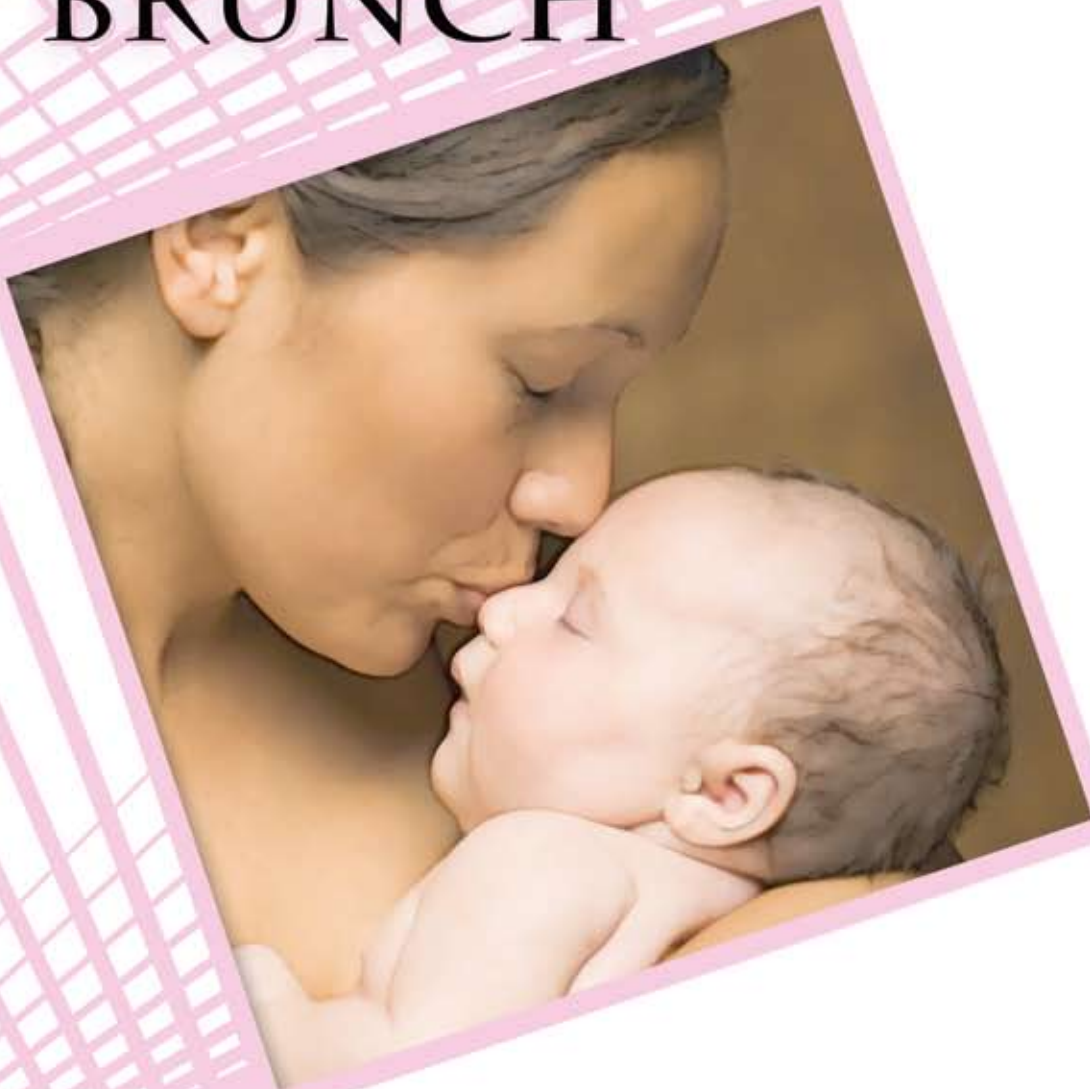




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## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



### SUNDAY, 13 MAY '07

AT THE COMMUNITY CLUB & CONFERENCE CENTER

**\$17.95**  
P/P

~ BRUNCH: 11 AM - 2 PM  
~ LIVE MUSIC: 12 - 3 PM

\$8.95 - CHILDREN 6 - 12 YEARS OLD • FREE - CHILDREN 1 - 5 YEARS OLD

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, CALL: 787 - 707 - 3535 EXT 201/206.

### Highlights:

- America's Kids Run
- Summer Camp Registration Info.
- Computer Orientations & Preschool Story Time at the Library
- Half Price Specials at the Automotive Skills Center

Look for more information about these and all MWR events at our feature guide: MWR Caribbean. Available Now! at various points of distribution throughout the garrison.



### Fri, 18 May 2007 7am • Pee Wee Field

The Armed Forces Day Fun Run is a traditional 2 mile Fun Run where Military Units and Civilians display their Esprit d' Corps, Uniformity, Formation and Physical Condition. The Post Commander will lead the run with special guests.



Participation is free of cost. Participants may run, jog, or walk at their own pace.



For more information call Ms. Carmen Soto, MWR Special Events Coordinator at 787-707-3778, or email: carmen.sotovargas@us.army.mil, Mon thru Fri, 7:30 am - 4 pm.



**Raffles, T-shirts, Hats, Trophies, Breakfast, and Fresh Fruits for participating units and individuals.**

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### U.S. Army Garrison Fort Buchanan Organizational Day

Friday, 18 May 2007  
11:30 am - 4:30 pm  
at the  
Cabaña Picnic Area

• Buffet Lunch •  
12:30 - 1:30 pm

• Fun & Games •  
1:30 - 4:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon full of games, fun and music

Don't forget your folding chair

For more information call  
Ms. Carmen Soto at  
787-707-3778